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# THE SEAMAN'S COMPASS AND CHART;

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BY REV. S. W. BONNEY,
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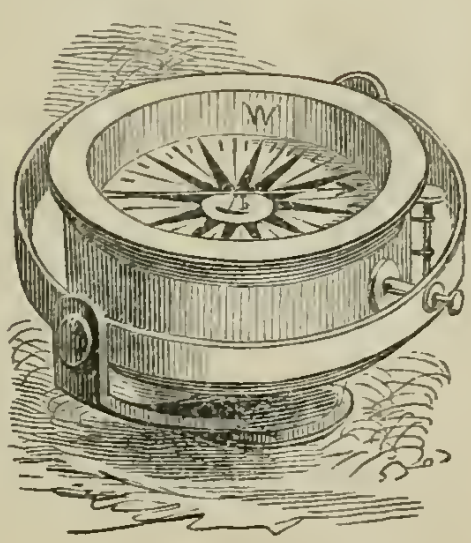
"Because the abundance of the sea shall be converted unto thee." ISA. 60:5.



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# PREFACE.

In this collection of Scripture texts, the selection has been made equally from the Old and New Testaments, a verse being taken from each alternately, beginning with Genesis and Matthew.

The aim has been to select such passages as are best adapted for the use of those whose business is upon the great waters, and the funds for publishing it have been provided by the liberality of several mercantile gentlemen.

If these selections from God's holy word shall aid and guide *only one voyager* on the sea of life to enter the haven of eternal peace and joy, the time and labor spent in arranging them will be repaid beyond all calculation.

May God grant his blessing to them, on whatever waters of the wide world they may be carried. S. W. B.

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# THE SEAMAN'S COMPASS AND CHART.

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## JANUARY.

1. In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. Gen. 1:1, 2.

I sing the almighty power of God
That made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing seas abroad,
And built the lofty skies.

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2. From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent; for the

kingdom of heaven is at hand. MATT. 4:17.

To-day if ye will hear his voice,
Now is the time to make your choice;
Say, will you to mount Zion go?
Say, will you have this Christ, or no?

Ye wandering souls who find no rest,
Say, will you be for ever blest?
Will you be saved from sin and hell?
Will you with Christ in glory dwell?

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3. And God said, Let there be light; and there was light. GEN. 1:3.

The Lord Jehovah reigns,
His throne is built on high;
The garments he assumes
Are light and majesty;
His glories shine with beams so bright,
No mortal eye can bear the sight.

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4. Blessed are the pure in heart; for they shall see God. MATT. 5:8.

Jesus, the crowning grace impart,
Bless me with purity of heart,
That now beholding thee,

I soon may view thy open face,
On all thy glorious beauties gaze,
And God for ever see.

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5. And God saw every thing that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day. GEN. 1 : 31.

The God of nature and of grace
In all his works appears;
His goodness in the earth we trace
His grandeur in the spheres.

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6. Blessed are the peacemakers; for they shall be called the children of God. MATT. 5:9.

Blest are the sons of peace,
Whose hearts and hopes are one;
Whose kind designs to serve and please
Through all their actions run.

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7. And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. GEN. 2 : 2.

Day ever blest,
Thy light, thy rest,
I hail with glad emotion;
Ordained for man,
When time began,
For solace and devotion.

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8. But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you. MATT. 5:44.

Happy the heart where graces reign,
Where love inspires the breast;
Love is the brightest of the train,
And strengthens all the rest.

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9. But the dove found no rest for the sole of her foot, and she returned unto him into the ark; for the waters were on the face of the whole earth. Then he put forth his hand and took her, and pulled her in unto him into the ark. GEN. 8:9.

Oh, where shall rest be found,
  Rest for the weary soul?
'Twere vain the ocean depths to sound,
  Or pierce to either pole.

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10. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. MATT. 6 : 21.

What sinners value I resign;
Lord, 'tis enough that thou art mine:
I shall behold thy blissful face,
And stand complete in righteousness.
This life's a dream, an empty show;
But the bright world to which I go
Hath joys substantial and sincere;
When shall I wake and find me there!

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11. Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man. GEN. 9 : 6.

'Twas from thy hand, my God, I came,
A work of such a curious frame;
In me thy fearful wonders shine,
And each proclaims thy skill divine.

12. But seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. MATT. 6 : 33.

Come hither, all ye weary souls,
Ye heavy-laden sinners, come;
I'll give you rest from all your toils,
And raise you to my heavenly home.

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13. And he believed in the Lord; and he counted it to him for righteousness. GEN. 15 : 6.

'Tis by the faith of joys to come,
We walk through deserts dark as night;
Till we arrive at heaven our home,
Faith is our guide, and faith our light.

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14. And he saith unto them, Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith? Then he arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm. MATT. 8 : 26.

Jesus, lover of my soul,
Let me to thy bosom fly,
While the billows near me roll,
While the tempest still is high.

Hide me, Oh my Saviour, hide,
Till the storm of life is past;
Safe into the haven guide;
Oh receive my soul at last.

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15. And Jacob awaked out of his sleep, and he said, Surely the Lord is in this place; and I knew it not. And he was afraid, and said, How dreadful is this place! This is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven. GEN. 28 : 16, 17.

Keep silence, all created things,
And wait your Maker's nod;
My soul stands trembling while she sings
The honors of her God.

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16. Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest. MATT. 9 : 37, 38.

Rise, gracious God, and shine
In all thy saving might;

And prosper each design
To spread thy glorious light;
Let healing streams of mercy flow,
That all the earth thy truth may know.

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17. I am not worthy of the least of all the mercies, and of all the truth, which thou hast shown unto thy servant; for with my staff I passed over this Jordan, and now I am become two bands. GEN. 32 : 10.

How are thy servants blessed, Oh Lord,
How sure is their defence!
Eternal wisdom is their guide,
Their help omnipotence.

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18. Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. MATT. 10 : 29, 30.

The Lord my pasture shall prepare,
And feed me with a shepherd's care;
His presence shall my wants supply,
And guard me with a watchful eye;

My noonday walks he shall attend,
And all my midnight hours defend.

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19. Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he made him a coat of many colors. GENESIS 37 : 3.

Pleasant and fair
As the morning air,
O'er flower-dressed meadows flowing,
Is the bloom of youth,
When with love of truth
The glad young heart is glowing.

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20. And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward. MATT. 10 : 42.

The least, the feeblest of the sheep,
To him the Father gave;
Kind is his heart the charge to keep,
And strong his arm to save.

21. Now the priest of Midian had seven daughters; and they came and drew water, and filled the troughs to water their father's flock. And the shepherds came and drove them away; but Moses stood up and helped them, and watered their flock. EXODUS 2:16, 17.

May I from every act abstain
That hurts or gives my brother pain;
Nay, every secret wish suppress,
That would abridge his happiness;
And thus may I thy follower prove,
Great Prince of peace, great God of love.

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22. Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. MATT. 11:28.

See, Jesus stands with open arms!
He calls, he bids you come;
Guilt holds you back, and fear alarms;
But see, there yet is room.

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23. And the Lord went before them by day in a pillar of a cloud, to lead

them the way; and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light; to go by day and night. EXOD. 13 : 21.

He that hath made his refuge God,
Shall find a most secure abode;
Shall walk all day beneath his shade,
And there at night shall rest his head.

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24. But I say unto you, that every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. MATT. 12 : 36.

Watch o'er my lips and guard them, Lord,
From every rash and heedless word;
Nor let my feet incline to tread
The guilty path, where sinners lead.

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25. Who is like unto thee, O Lord, among the gods? who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders? EXODUS 15 : 11.

In heaven and earth, and air and seas,
He executes His firm decrees;
And by His saints it stands confessed
That what He does is ever best;

Then on His powerful arm rely,
And He will bring salvation nigh.

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26. For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? MATT. 16:26.

Let earth no more my heart divide;
With Christ may I be crucified;
To thee with my whole soul aspire:
Dead to the world and all its toys,
To idle pomp, and fading joys,
Be thou alone my one desire.

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27. And Moses went out to meet his father-in-law, and did obeisance, and kissed him; and they asked each other of their welfare; and they came into the tent. EXODUS 18:7.

How pleasant 't is to see
Kindred and friends agree;
Each in their proper station move,
And each fulfil their part,
With sympathizing heart,
In all the cares of life and love.

28. But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me; for of such is the kingdom of heaven. MATT. 19:14.

To Him let little children come,
For He has said they may;
His bosom then shall be their home,
Their tears he'll wipe away.

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29. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain. EXOD. 20:7.

With sacred awe pronounce His name,
Abhor the lips profane;
Let not thy tongue the Lord blaspheme,
Nor take His name in vain.

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30. And again I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God. MATT. 19:24.

"Deny thyself, and take thy cross,"
Is the Redeemer's great command;

Nature must count her gold but dross,
If she would gain this heavenly land.

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31. Remember the Sabbath-day to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work; but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy man-servant, nor thy maid-servant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates; for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day; wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath-day, and hallowed it. EXODUS 20:8–11.

Safely through another week
God has brought us on our way;
Let us now a blessing seek,
Waiting in his courts to-day:
Day of all the week the best,
Emblem of eternal rest.

## FEBRUARY.

1. HONOR thy father and thy mother; that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee. EXODUS 20:12.

My son, know thou the Lord,
Thy father's God obey;
Seek His protecting care by night,
His guardian hand by day.

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2. And he saith unto them, Whose is this image and superscription? They say unto him, Cesar's. Then saith he unto them, Render therefore unto Cesar the things which are Cesar's; and unto God the things that are God's. MATT. 22:20, 21.

To magistrates be honor paid,
To laws obedience shown;
But consciences and souls were made
To be the Lord's alone.

3. Thou shalt not kill. Thou shalt not commit adultery. EXODUS 20:13, 14.

Protect me in the dangerous hour,
And from the wily tempter's power
Oh set my spirit free;
And if temptation should assail,
May mighty grace o'er all prevail,
And lead my heart to thee.

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4. Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. MATT. 22:37, 38.

Love is the fountain whence
All true obedience flows;
The Christian serves the God he loves,
And loves the God he knows.

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5. Six days thou shalt do thy work, and on the seventh day thou shalt rest: that thine ox and thine ass may rest, and the son of thy handmaid, and the

stranger, may be refeshed. EXODUS 23:12.

In holy duties let the day,
In holy pleasures pass away;
How sweet a Sabbath thus to spend,
In hope of one that ne'er shall end.

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6. Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away. MATT. 24:35.

Oh, for a strong, a lasting faith,
To credit what the Almighty saith;
To embrace the message of his Son,
And call the joys of heaven our own.
Then should the earth's old pillars shake,
And all the wheels of nature break,
Our steady souls should fear no more
Than solid rocks when billows roar.

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7. Then Moses stood in the gate of the camp, and said, Who is on the Lord's side? let him come unto me. And all the sons of Levi gathered themselves together unto him. EXOD. 32:26.

Am I a soldier of the cross,
A follower of the Lamb?
And shall I fear to own his cause,
Or blush to speak his name?

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8. Watch therefore; for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. MATT. 24:42.

Help me to watch and pray
And on thyself rely,
Assured, if I my trust betray,
I shall for ever die.

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9. Six days thou shalt work, but on the seventh day thou shalt rest; in earing time and in harvest thou shalt rest. EXODUS 34:21.

Another six days' work is done,
Another Sabbath is begun:
Return, my soul, enjoy thy rest,
Improve the day thy God hath blest.

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10. Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom

prepared for you from the foundation of the world. MATT. 25:34.

He comes, he comes to call
The nations to his bar;
And take to glory all
Who meet for glory are:
Make ready for your full reward;
Go forth with joy to meet your Lord.

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11. For the cloud of the Lord was upon the tabernacle by day, and fire was on it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel, throughout all their journeys. EXODUS 40:38.

Within thy circling power I stand,
On every side I find thy hand;
Awake, asleep, at home, abroad,
I am surrounded still with God.

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12. And these shall go away into everlasting punishment; but the righteous into life eternal. MATT. 25:46.

Lo, on a narrow neck of land,
'Twixt two unbounded seas I stand—
Yet how insensible!

A point of time, a moment's space,
Removes me to yon heavenly place,
Or shuts me up in hell!

13. Ye shall fear every man his mother and his father, and keep my Sabbaths: I am the Lord your God. LEVITICUS 19:3.

This is the day the Lord hath made,
He calls the hours his own;
Let heaven rejoice, let earth be glad,
And praise surround the throne.

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14. Then said Jesus unto him, Put up again thy sword into his place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword. MATT. 26:52.

Whene'er the angry passions rise,
And tempt our thoughts and tongues to strife,
To Jesus let us turn our eyes,
Bright pattern of the Christian life.
How mild! how ready to forgive!
Be these the rules by which we live.

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15. Thou shalt rise up before the hoary head, and honor the face of the

old man, and fear thy God: I am the Lord. LEVITICUS 19:32.

The God that rules on high,
And thunders when he please,
That rides upon the stormy sky,
And manages the seas;
This awful God is ours,
Our Father and our love;
He shall send down his heavenly powers
To carry us above.

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16. And Peter remembered the word of Jesus, which said unto him, Before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice. And he went out, and wept bitterly. MATT. 26:75.

Lord, help me to repent,
With sin for ever part;
And to thy gracious eye present
A humble, contrite heart.

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17. And Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are

well able to overcome it. NUMBERS 13:30.

Sure I must fight, if I would reign;
Increase my courage, Lord.
I'll bear the toil, endure the pain,
Supported by thy word.

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18. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? MATT. 27:46.

Son of God, thy blessing grant;
Still supply my every want;
Unsustained by thee, I fall;
Send the strength for which I call:
Weaker than a bruised reed,
Help I every moment need.

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19. But as truly as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the Lord. NUMBERS 14:21.

The beams that shine on Zion's hill
Shall lighten every land;
The King who reigns in Zion's towers
Shall all the world command.

20. And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. MATTHEW 28 : 18.

This God is the God we adore,
  Our faithful, unchangeable friend,
Whose love is as large as his power,
  And neither knows measure nor end.

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21. The Lord is long-suffering, and of great mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression, and by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation. NUMBERS 14 : 18.

Crimes of such horror to forgive,
  Such guilty daring worms to spare,
This is thy grand prerogative,
  And none shall in the honor share
Who is a pardoning God like thee?
Or who has grace so rich and free?

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22. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name

of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. MATT. 28:19.

Go preach my gospel, saith the Lord,
Bid the whole earth my grace receive;
He shall be saved who trusts my word,
He shall be damned who wont believe.

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23. And Moses made a serpent of brass, and put it upon a pole; and it came to pass, that if a serpent had bitten any man, when he beheld the serpent of brass, he lived. NUM. 21:9.

Look to Him, till his mighty love
Thy every thought control;
Its vast constraining influence prove,
O'er body, spirit, soul.

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24. And there came a voice from heaven, saying, Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. MARK 1:11.

Jesus is worthy to receive
Honor and power divine;
And blessings more than we can give,
Be, Lord, for ever thine.

25. God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good? NUMBERS 23 : 19.

The word of God shall still endure,
Faithful, immutable, and sure;
This solid rock shall never break,
Though earth should to her centre shake;
And while it stands we should not fear,
For all we need is promised there.

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26. And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed. MARK 1 : 35.

Cold mountains and the midnight air
Witnessed the fervor of his prayer,
The desert his temptations knew,
His conflict, and his victory too.

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27. Know therefore this day, and consider it in thy heart, that the Lord he is God in heaven above, and upon

the earth beneath; there is none else. DEUT. 4 : 39.

Before Jehovah's awful throne,
  Ye nations, bow with sacred joy:
Know that the Lord is God alone;
  He can create, and he destroy.

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28. And he said unto them, The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath. MARK 2 : 27.

Sweet is the day of sacred rest,
  No mortal cares shall seize my breast.
O may my heart in tune be found,
  Like David's harp of solemn sound.

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29. Thou shalt not see thy brother's ass or his ox fall down by the way, and hide thyself from them; thou shalt surely help him to lift them up again. DEUT. 22 : 4.

Blest is the man whose softening heart
  Feels all another's pain;
To whom the supplicating eye
  Was never raised in vain.

## MARCH.

1. And they feared exceedingly, and said one to another, What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him? Mark 4:41.

Begone, unbelief; my Saviour is near,
And for my relief will surely appear:
By prayer let me wrestle, and He will perform;
With Christ in the vessel I smile at the storm.

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2. Cursed be he that setteth light by his father or his mother: and all the people shall say, Amen. Deut. 27:16.

Give honor to your mother dear,
Remember well her pain,
And recompense her in her age
With the like love again.

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3. And [they] were beyond measure astonished, saying, He hath done all

things well: he maketh both the deaf to hear, and the dumb to speak. MARK 7:37.

When Jesus dwelt in mortal clay
  What were his works from day to day,
But miracles of power and grace,
  That spread salvation through our race!

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4. See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no god with me; I kill, and I make alive; I wound, and I heal: neither is there any that can deliver out of my hand. For I lift up my hand to heaven, and say, I live for ever. DEUT. 32:39, 40.

The Lord is God; 't is he alone
  Doth life, and breath, and being give;
We are his work, and not our own,
  The sheep that on his pastures live.

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5. And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief. MARK 9:24.

Faith—'t is a precious grace,
Where'er it is bestowed;
It boasts of a celestial birth,
And is the gift of God.

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6. There is none like unto the God of Jeshurun, who rideth upon the heaven in thy help, and in his excellency on the sky. The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms: and he shall thrust out the enemy from before thee; and shall say, Destroy them. DEUT. 33:26, 27.

The thunders of his hand
Keep the wide world in awe;
His wrath and justice stand
To guard his holy law;
And where his love resolves to bless,
His truth confirms and seals the grace.

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7. And if thy hand offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched. MARK 9:43.

Through floods and flames, if Jesus lead,
I'll follow where he goes;
"Hinder me not," shall be my cry,
Though earth and hell oppose.

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8. There was not a word of all that Moses commanded, which Joshua read not before all the congregation of Israel, with the women, and the little ones, and the strangers that were conversant among them. JOSHUA 8:35.

I love the volumes of thy word;
What light and joy those leaves afford
To souls benighted and distressed;
Thy precepts guide my doubtful way,
Thy fear forbids my feet to stray,
Thy promise leads my heart to rest.

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9. And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God. MARK 10:8.

The Lord is good, the Lord is kind;
Great is his grace, his mercy sure;
And the whole race of man shall find
His truth from age to age endure.

10. And the sun stood still, and the moon stayed, until the people had avenged themselves upon their enemies. Is not this written in the book of Jasher? So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and hasted not to go down about a whole day. JOSH. 10:13.

The Lord our God is full of might,
  The winds obey his will;
He speaks, and in his heavenly height
  The rolling sun stands still.

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11. And they that went before, and they that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna; Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. MARK 11:9.

Hosanna to the living Lord!
  Hosanna to the incarnate Word!
To Christ, Creator, Saviour, King,
  Let earth, let heaven, Hosanna sing.

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12. Curse ye Meroz, said the angel of the Lord, curse ye bitterly the inhabitants thereof; because they came

not to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty. JUDG. 5 : 23.

Christian, to active duty wake,
Be strong in God's eternal might;
The weapons of the Spirit take,
To vanquish and to put to flight
Those legions of contending foes,
That thy great Captain's march oppose.

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13. And Jesus answering, saith unto them, Have faith in God. MARK 11 : 22.

Judge not the Lord by feeble sense,
But trust him for his grace;
Behind a frowning providence
He hides a smiling face.

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14. And Samson said, With the jawbone of an ass, heaps upon heaps, with the jaw of an ass have I slain a thousand men. JUDG. 15 : 16.

Though numerous hosts of mighty foes,
Though earth and hell my way oppose,
He safely leads my soul along;
His loving kindness, Oh how strong!

15. And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have aught against any; that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses. MARK 11 : 25.

Love suffers long with patient eye,
Nor is provoked in haste,
She lets the present injury die,
And long forgets the past.

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16. And Ruth said, Entreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee; for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God, my God. Where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried: the Lord do so to me, and more also, if aught but death part thee and me. RUTH 1 : 16, 17.

People of the living God,
I have sought the world around,
Paths of sin and sorrow trod,
Peace and comfort nowhere found.

Now to you my spirit turns,
Turns, a fugitive unblessed;
Brethren, where your altar burns,
Oh receive me into rest.

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17. And there came a certain poor widow, and she threw in two mites, which make a farthing. And he called unto him his disciples, and saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, that this poor widow hath cast more in, than all they which have cast into the treasury. MARK 12 : 42, 43.

The man who marks from day to day
In generous acts his radiant way,
Treads the same path his Saviour trod—
The path to glory and to God.

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18. The Lord killeth, and maketh alive: he bringeth down to the grave, and bringeth up. The Lord maketh poor, and maketh rich: he bringeth low, and lifteth up. 1 SAM. 2 : 6, 7.

Happy the man whose hopes rely
On Israel's God; he made the sky,
And earth, and seas, with all their train;
His truth for ever stands secure,
He saves the oppressed, he feeds the poor,
And none shall find his promise vain.

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19. Now when Jesus was risen early the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had cast seven devils. MARK 16 : 9.

His saints he loves, and never leaves;
The chief of sinners he receives;
Cheer up, my heart, with this revive—
The sinner's Friend is yet alive.

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20. But Samuel ministered before the Lord, being a child, girded with a linen ephod. Moreover his mother made him a little coat, and brought it to him from year to year, when she came up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. 1 SAM. 2 : 18, 19.

When Samuel was young
  He first knew the Lord,
He slept in his smile
  And rejoiced in his word;
So most of God's children
  Are early brought nigh;
Oh, seek him in youth,
  To a Saviour fly.

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21. So then, after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. MARK 16:19.

Worthy is he that once was slain,
  The Prince of life, that groaned and died;
Worthy to rise, and live, and reign,
  At his almighty Father's side.

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22. And it came to pass, when he had made an end of speaking unto Saul, that the soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul. 1 SAM. 18:1.

How blest the sacred tie that binds,
In union sweet, according minds;
How swift the heavenly course they run,
Whose hearts and faith and hopes are one.

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23. The day-spring from on high hath visited us, to give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace. LUKE 1:78, 79.

Brightest and best of the sons of the morning,
Dawn on our darkness, and lend us thine aid;
Star of the East, the horizon adorning,
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

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24. Be of good courage, and let us play the men for our people, and for the cities of our God; and the Lord do that which seemeth him good. 2 SAM. 10:12.

In his salvation is our hope,
And in the name of Israel's God
Our troops shall lift their banners up,
Our navies spread their flags abroad.

25. And the angel said unto them, Fear not; for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. LUKE 2:10.

Grace, 'tis a charming sound,
  Harmonious to the ear;
Heaven with the echo shall resound,
  And all the earth shall hear.

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26. The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; the God of my rock; in him will I trust. 2 SAM. 22:2, 3.

God is the refuge of his saints,
  When storms of sharp distress invade;
Ere we can offer our complaints,
  Behold him ready with his aid.

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27. Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. LUKE 2:14.

All glory be to God on high;
  And to the earth be peace;
Good will henceforth, from heaven to men,
  Begin and never cease.

28. The Lord liveth; and blessed be my rock; and exalted be the God of the rock of my salvation. 2 SAM. 22:47.

O render thanks to God above,
The fountain of eternal love;
Whose mercy firm through ages past
Hath stood and shall for ever last.

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29. And he [Jesus] said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business? LUKE 2:49.

Such was thy truth, and such thy zeal,
Such deference to thy Father's will:
Such love, and meekness so divine,
I would transcribe and make them mine.

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30. And Nathan said to David, Thou art the man. And David said unto Nathan, I have sinned against the Lord. And Nathan said unto David, The Lord also hath put away thy sin; thou shalt not die. 2 SAM. 12:7, 13.

Show pity, Lord; O Lord, forgive;
Let a repenting rebel live.
Are not thy mercies large and free?
May not a sinner trust in thee?
My lips with shame my sins confess
Against thy law, against thy grace.
Lord, should thy judgment grow severe,
I am condemned, but thou art clear.

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31. In my distress I called upon the Lord, and cried to my God; and he did hear my voice out of his temple, and my cry did enter into his ears. 2 Sam. 22:7.

To God I cried, when troubles rose;
He heard me, and subdued my foes;
He did my rising fears control,
And strength diffused through all my soul

## APRIL.

1. And Simon answering, said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net. Luke 5 : 5.

Ye servants of the Lord,
Each in his office wait,
Observant of his heavenly word,
And watchful at his gate.

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2. And all the earth sought to Solomon, to hear his wisdom, which God had put in his heart. 1 Kings 10 : 24.

Earth, air, and mighty seas combine
To speak his wisdom all divine:
How vast his knowledge! how profound!
A depth where all our thoughts are drowned.

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3. And it came to pass in those days, that he went out into a mountain

to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God. LUKE 6 : 12.

Oh Thou, by whom we come to God—
The life, the truth, the way—
The path of prayer thyself hast trod;
Lord, teach us how to pray.

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4. And the king of Israel answered and said, Tell him, Let not him that girdeth on his harness boast himself as he that putteth it off. 1 KINGS 20 : 11.

Beware of Peter's word,
Nor confidently say,
"I never *will* deny the Lord,"
But, "Grant I never may."

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5. And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise. LUKE 6 : 31.

Be you to others kind and true,
As you 'd have others do to you;
And neither say nor do to them
Whate'er you would not take again.

6. And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. 2 KINGS 2:11.

Happy soul, thy days are ended,
All thy mourning days below;
Go, by angel-guards attended,
To the sight of Jesus go!

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7. But that on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience. LUKE 8:15.

Be this the purpose of my soul,
My solemn, my determined choice,
To yield to His supreme control,
And in His kind commands rejoice.

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8. And the Lord opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses

and chariots of fire round about Elisha. 2 KINGS 6 : 17.

The saints shall never be dismayed,
Nor shrink in hopeless fear;
For when they least expect his aid,
The Saviour will appear.

What proofs of power and grace divine,
Do meet us in his word!
May every deep-felt care of mine
Be trusted with the Lord.

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9. And he said unto her, Daughter, be of good comfort: thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace. LUKE 8 : 48.

Mourning souls, dry up your tears,
Banish all your sinful fears;
See your guilt and curse remove,
Cancelled by redeeming love.

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10. And Asa cried unto the Lord his God, and said, Lord, it is nothing with thee to help, whether with many, or with them that have no power: help us, O Lord our God; for we rest

on thee, and in thy name we go against this multitude. O Lord, thou art our God; let not man prevail against thee. 2 CHRON. 14:11.

Hasten, Lord, to my release,
Haste to help me, O my God:
Foes, like armed bands, increase;
Turn them back the way they trod.

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11. And John answered and said, Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name; and we forbade him, because he followeth not with us. And Jesus said unto him, Forbid him not; for he that is not against us, is for us. LUKE 9:49, 50.

Let party names no more
The Christian world o'erspread;
Gentile and Jew, and bond and free,
Are one in Christ their Head.

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12. For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show himself strong in the behalf of

them whose heart is perfect toward him. 2 CHRON. 16 : 9.

This world, O God, like that above,
  Is bright to those who know thy love;
Where'er they dwell, they dwell with thee,
  In heaven, in earth, or on the sea.

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13. And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God. LUKE 9 : 62.

The fearful soul that tires and faints,
  And walks the ways of God no more,
Is but esteemed almost a saint,
  And makes his own destruction sure.

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14. So they read in the book in the law of God distinctly, and gave the sense, and caused them to understand the reading. NEH. 8 : 8.

How precious is the Book divine,
  By inspiration given;
Bright as a lamp its doctrines shine
  To guide our souls to heaven.

15. Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbor unto him that fell among the thieves? And he said, He that showed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, Go, and do thou likewise. LUKE 10 : 36, 37.

When the most helpless sons of grief
In low distress are laid,
Soft be our hearts their pains to feel,
And swift our hands to aid.

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16. And thou didst divide the sea before them, so that they went through the midst of the sea on the dry land; and their persecutors thou threwest into the deeps, as a stone into the mighty waters. NEH. 10 : 11.

Thy way is in great waters,
Thy footsteps are not known;
Let Adam's sons and daughters
Confide in thee alone:
Through the wild sea thou leddest
Thy chosen flock of yore;
Still on the waves thou treadest,
And thy redeemed pass o'er.

17. But one thing is needful; and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her. LUKE 10:42.

Engage this roving, treacherous heart,
Wisely to choose the better part,
To scorn the trifles of a day,
For joys that none can take away.

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18. There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God and eschewed evil. JOB 1:1.

That man is blest who stands in awe
Of God, and loves his sacred law;
His seed on earth shall be renowned;
His house, the seat of wealth, shall be
An unexhausted treasury,
And with successive honors crowned.

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19. But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee; then whose shall those

things be which thou hast provided? LUKE 12 : 20.

Death! 't is a melancholy day,
To those who have no God,
When the poor soul is forced away
To seek her last abode.

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20. Shall mortal man be more just than God? Shall a man be more pure than his Maker? JOB 4 : 17.

Shall the vile race of flesh and blood
Contend with their Creator, God?
Shall mortal worms presume to be
More holy, wise, or just, than He?

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21. Strive to enter in at the strait gate; for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able. LUKE 13 : 24.

Strait is the way—the door is strait,
Which leads to joys on high;
'T is but a few that find the gate,
While crowds mistake and die.

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22. Canst thou by searching find out God; canst thou find out the Al-

mighty unto perfection? It is as high as heaven; what canst thou do? deeper than hell; what canst thou know? JOB 11 : 7, 8.

God moves in a mysterious way,
His wonders to perform;
He plants his footsteps in the sea
And rides upon the storm.
Deep in unfathomable mines
Of never-failing skill,
He treasures up his bright designs,
And works his sovereign will.

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23. But when thou makest a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind; and thou shalt be blessed; for they cannot recompense thee: for thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just. LUKE 14 : 13, 14.

O God, with sympathetic care
In others' joys and griefs to share
Do thou my heart incline;
Each low, each selfish wish control,
Warm with benevolence my soul,
And make me wholly thine.

24. Have pity upon me, have pity upon me, O ye my friends; for the hand of God hath touched me. JOB 19:21.

O may our sympathizing breasts
The generous pleasure know,
Kindly to share in others' joy,
And weep for others' woe.

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25. Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth. LUKE 15:10.

Prayer is the contrite sinner's voice,
Returning from his ways:
While angels in their songs rejoice,
And cry, "Behold, he prays."

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26. And unto man he said, Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding. JOB 28:28.

Thrice happy man, who fears the Lord,
Loves his commands, and trusts his word;
Honor and peace his days attend,
And blessings to his seed descend.

27. I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, and am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants. LUKE 15:18, 19.

Return, O wanderer, return,
And seek an injured Father's face;
Those warm desires that in thee burn
Were kindled by redeeming grace.

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28. Behold, God is great, and we know him not, neither can the number of his years be searched out. JOB 36:26.

Wide as the world is his command,
Vast as eternity his love;
Firm as a rock his truth shall stand,
When rolling years shall cease to move.

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29. And he said unto them, Ye are they which justify yourselves before men; but God knoweth your hearts: for that which is highly esteemed

among men is abomination in the sight of God. LUKE 16 : 15.

Nothing but truth before his throne
With honor can appear;
The painted hypocrites are known,
Through the disguise they wear.

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30. Or who shut up the sea with doors, when it brake forth, as if it had issued out of the womb? and said, Hitherto shalt thou come, but no further; and here shall thy proud waves be stayed? JOB 38 : 8, 11.

Rebel, ye waves, and o'er the land
With threatening aspect roar,
The Lord uplifts his awful hand,
And chains you to the shore.

## MAY.

1. TAKE heed to yourselves: if thy brother trespass against thee, rebuke him; and if he repent, forgive him. LUKE 17 : 3.

Tender and kind be all our thoughts,
Through all our lives let mercy run;
So God forgives our numerous faults,
For the dear sake of Christ his Son.

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2. Preserve me, O God; for in thee do I put my trust. PSALM 16 : 1.

My spirit looks to God alone:
My rock and refuge is his throne;
In all my fears, in all my straits,
My soul on his salvation waits.

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3. And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint. LUKE 18 : 1.

Prayer was appointed to convey
The blessings God designs to give;
Long as they live should Christians pray,
For only while they pray they live.

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4. The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God. PSALM 9 : 17.

Look beneath, where hell is burning!
There the sons of darkness lie;
Hope to black despair is turning;
There the worm shall never die;
Careless sinner,
Oh to Jesus quickly fly.

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5. And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner. LUKE 18 : 13.

Mercy, good Lord, mercy I ask,
This is the total sum;
Mercy, through Christ, is all my suit,
Lord, let thy mercy come.

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6. In my distress I called upon the

Lord, and cried unto my God: he heard my voice out of his temple, and my cry came before him, even into his ears. PSALM 18 : 6.

In my distress I sought my God,
When I could scarce believe him mine;
He bowed his ear to my complaint,
Then did his grace appear divine.

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7. And he made haste, and came down, and received him joyfully. And when they saw it, they all murmured, saying, that he was gone to be guest with a man that is a sinner. LUKE 19 : 6, 7.

When he lived on earth abaséd,
Friend of sinners was his name;
Now, above all glory raiséd,
He rejoices in the same.

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8. The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple. PSALM 19 : 7.

Thy word is everlasting truth;
How pure is every page!
That holy book shall guide our youth,
And well support our age.

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9. And he said unto him, Well, thou good servant: because thou hast been faithful in a very little, have thou authority over ten cities. LUKE 19:17.

Arm me with jealous care,
As in thy sight to live;
And Oh, thy servant, Lord, prepare
A strict account to give.

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10. Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my Redeemer. PSALM 19:14.

Lord, search my thoughts and try my ways,
And make my soul sincere;
Then shall I stand before thy face,
And find acceptance there.

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11. And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto

them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me. LUKE 22 : 19.

Remember thee—thy death, thy shame,
Our sinful hearts to share!
O memory, leave no other name
But his recorded there.

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12. Many sorrows shall be to the wicked; but he that trusteth in the Lord, mercy shall compass him about. PSALM 32 : 10.

O God our King, whose sovereign sway
The glorious hosts of heaven obey,
And devils at thy presence flee,
Blest is the man who trusts in thee.

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13. And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: but I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not; and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren. LUKE 22 : 31, 32.

Blest Jesus, intercede for us,
That we may fall no more;
Oh raise us when we prostrate lie,
And comfort lost restore.

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14. The transgression of the wicked saith within my heart, that there is no fear of God before his eyes. PSALM 36 : 1.

But there's a dreadful God,
Though men renounce his fear;
His justice, hid behind a cloud,
Shall one great day appear.

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15. Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. LUKE 23 : 34.

Oh blessed souls are they,
Whose sins are covered o'er;
Divinely blest, to whom the Lord
Imputes their guilt no more.

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16. I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread. PSALM 37 : 25.

If earthly parents hear
Their children when they cry,
If they with love sincere
Their children's wants supply,
Much more will God his love display,
And answer when his children pray.

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17. And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, to-day shalt thou be with me in paradise. LUKE 23 : 42, 43.

"Amid the glories of that world,
Dear Saviour, think on me,
And in the victories of thy death
Let me a sharer be."

His prayer the dying Jesus hears,
And instantly replies,
"To-day thy parting soul shall be
With me in paradise."

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18. Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright; for the end of that man is peace. PSALM 37 : 37.

But mark the man of righteousness,
His several steps attend;
True pleasure runs through all his ways,
And peaceful is his end.

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**19.** And they returned, and prepared spices and ointments; and rested the Sabbath-day, according to the commandment. LUKE 23 : 56.

Thine earthly Sabbaths, Lord, we love,
But there 's a nobler rest above;
To that our longing souls aspire,
With cheerful hope and strong desire.

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**20.** Lord, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it is; that I may know how frail I am. PSALM 39 : 4.

'Tween two enchanted isles—so sailors tell—
Where sparkling waters sweetly murmuring glide,
A buoy, poising on its crest a bell,
Rings out a chime at every turn of tide.
Lo, Time, great tide-wave from eternal seas,
Comes flowing and goes ebbing with the year,

Yet tolls no silver sonnet on the breeze,
But moves so noiseless not an ear can hear.

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21. Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory? LUKE 24 : 26.

See love and grief beyond degree,
The Lord of glory dies for men!
But lo, what sudden joys we see;
Jesus the dead revives again!

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22. I waited patiently for the Lord; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry. He brought me up also out of a horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings. PSALM 40 : 1, 2.

God, my supporter, and my hope,
My help for ever near,
Thine arm of mercy held me up
When sinking in despair.

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23. And he led them out as far as to Bethany, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them. And it came to

pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them and carried up into heaven. LUKE 24 : 50, 51.

Jesus our God ascends on high;
His heavenly guards around
Attend him rising through the sky,
With trumpets' joyful sound.

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24. Blessed is he that considereth the poor; the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble. PSALM 41 : 1.

Blest is the man whose liberal heart
Feels for the suffering poor;
Who freely gives for their relief
His counsel and his store.

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25. For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ. JOHN 1 : 17.

Mercy and truth on earth are met,
Since Christ the Lord came down from heaven;
By his obedience, so complete,
Justice is pleased and peace is given.

26. God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea. PSALM 46:1, 2.

Loud let the troubled ocean roar:
  In sacred peace our souls abide,
While every nation, every shore,
  Trembles and dreads the swelling tide.

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27. Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. JOHN 3:3.

Awaked by Sinai's awful sound,
My soul in bonds of guilt I found,
  And knew not where to go;
One solemn truth increased my pain:
The sinner "must be born again,"
  Or sink to endless woe.

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28. Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth. PSALM 46:10.

Silent we own Jehovah's name,
  We kiss the scourging hand;
And yield our comforts and our life
  To thy supreme command.

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29. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. JOHN 3:16.

Oh for this love let rocks and hills
  Their lasting silence break;
And all harmonious human tongues
  The Saviour's praises speak.

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30. Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me; and to him that ordereth his conversation aright will I show the salvation of God. PSALM 50:23.

The man that offers humble praise,
  He glorifies me best;
And those that tread my holy ways
  Shall my salvation taste.

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31. God is a Spirit; and they that

worship him, must worship him in spirit and in truth. JOHN 4:24.

God is a Spirit just and wise,
He sees our inmost mind;
In vain to heaven we raise our cries
And leave our souls behind.

## JUNE.

1. CREATE in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy Holy Spirit from me. PSALM 51:10, 11.

Create, O God, my powers anew,
Make my whole heart sincere and true;
Oh cast me not in wrath away,
Nor let thy soul-enlivening ray
Still cease to shine.

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2. Search the Scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me. JOHN 5:39.

O may thy counsels, mighty God,
My roving feet command;
Nor I forsake the happy road
That leads to thy right hand.

3. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise. PSALM 51 : 17.

A broken heart, my God, my King,
Is all the sacrifice I bring;
The God of grace will ne'er despise
A broken heart for sacrifice.

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4. For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me. JOHN 6 : 38.

He left his starry crown,
And laid his robes aside;
On wings of love came down,
And wept, and bled, and died:
What he endured no tongue can tell,
To save our souls from death and hell.

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5. By terrible things in righteousness wilt thou answer us, O God of our salvation; who art the confidence of all the ends of the earth, and of them that are afar off upon the sea. PSALM 65 : 5.

'T is by thy strength the mountains stand,
God of eternal power;
The sea grows calm at thy command,
And tempests cease to roar.

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6. Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life. And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God. JOHN 6 : 68, 69.

Beyond a doubt I rest assured,
Thou art the Christ of God;
Who hast eternal life secured
By promise and by blood.

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7. Come and see the works of God: he is terrible in his doing toward the children of men. He turned the sea into dry land: they went through the flood on foot: there did we rejoice in him. PSALM 66 : 5, 6.

In all our Maker's grand designs
Omnipotence with wisdom shines;
His works, through all this wondrous frame,
Bear the great impress of his name.

8. If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself. JOHN 7:17.

When we cannot see our way,
We should trust, and still obey;
He who bids us forward go
Shows us how the way to know.

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9. Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, who only doeth wondrous things. And blessed be his glorious name for ever; and let the whole earth be filled with his glory. Amen, and Amen. PSALM 72:18, 19.

Great God, whose universal sway
The known and unknown worlds obey,
Now give the kingdom to thy Son,
Extend his power, exalt his throne.

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10. Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, before Abraham was, I am. JOHN 8:58.

Ere the blue heavens were stretched abroad,
From everlasting was the Word;
With God he was; the Word was God,
And must divinely be adored.

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11. For the Lord God is a sun, and shield; the Lord will give grace and glory; no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly. PSALM 84 : 11.

O Lord of hosts, thou God of grace,
How blest, divinely blest, is he
Who trusts thy love, and seeks thy face,
And fixes all his hopes on thee.

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12. I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. JOHN 10 : 11.

He saw me plunged in deep distress,
And flew to my relief;
For me he bore the shameful cross,
And carried all my grief.

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13. God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be

had in reverence of all them that are about him. O Lord God of hosts, who is a strong Lord like unto thee? or to thy faithfulness round about thee? Thou rulest the raging of the sea: when the waves thereof arise, thou stillest them. PSALM 89 : 7, 8, 9.

Thy words the raging winds control,
And rule the boisterous deep:
Thou mak'st the sleeping billows roll,
The rolling billows sleep.

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14. If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honor. JOHN 12 : 26.

Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go,
My daily labor to pursue;
Thee, only thee, resolved to know,
In all I think, or speak, or do.

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15. Thou turnest man to destruction; and sayest, Return, ye children

of men. For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night. PSALM 90 : 3, 4.

Our moments fly apace,
Nor will our minutes stay;
Just like a flood our hasty days
Are sweeping us away.

Well, if our days must fly,
We 'll keep their end in sight;
We 'll spend them all in wisdom's way,
And let them speed their flight.

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**16.** I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness. JOHN 12 : 46.

Light of those whose dreary dwelling
  Borders on the shades of death,
Come, and by thy love revealing,
  Dissipate the clouds beneath.

The new heaven and earth's Creator,
  In our deepest darkness rise,
Scattering all the night of nature,
  Pouring eyesight on our eyes.

17. The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their waves. The Lord on high is mightier than the noise of many waters, yea, than the mighty waves of the sea. PSA. 93:3, 4.

Let floods and nations rage,
And all their powers engage,
Let swelling tides assault the sky;
The terrors of thy frown
Shall beat their madness down;
Thy throne for ever stands on high.

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18. If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet. JOHN 13:14.

Make us one in heart and mind,
Courteous, pitiful, and kind,
Lowly, meek, in thought and word,
Wholly like our blessed Lord.

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19. O Lord, how manifold are thy works! in wisdom hast thou made them

all; the earth is full of thy riches. So is this great and wide sea, wherein are things creeping innumerable, both small and great beasts. PSA. 104:24, 25.

Lord, when our raptured thought surveys
Creation's beauties o'er,
All nature joins to teach thy praise,
And bids our souls adore.

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20. A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. JOHN 13:34.

Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.

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21. They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters; these see the works of the Lord, and his wonders in the deep. PSALM 107:23, 24.

They that toil upon the deep,
  And in vessels light and frail
O'er the mighty waters sweep,
  With the billow and the gale,

Mark what wonders God performs,
  When he speaks, and, unconfined,
Rush to battle all his storms,
  In the chariots of the wind.

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22. Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. JOHN 14 : 6.

Voyager on life's troubled sea,
Sailing to eternity,
Turn from earthly things away—
Vain they are, and brief their stay;
Chaining down to earth the heart,
Nothing lasting they impart.
Voyager, what are they to thee?
Leave them all, and "follow me."

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23. A good man showeth favor, and lendeth; he will guide his affairs with discretion. PSALM 112 : 5.

His liberal favors he extends,
To some he gives, to others lends;
A generous pity fills his mind;
Yet what his charity impairs,
He saves by prudence in affairs,
And thus he 's just to all mankind.

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24. That all men should honor the Son, even as they honor the Father. He that honoreth not the Son, honoreth not the Father which hath sent him. JOHN 5:23.

All power to our great Lord
Is by the Father given;
By angel hosts adored,
He reigns supreme in heaven:
Join all on earth, rejoice and sing,
Glory ascribe to glory's King.

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25. It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man. It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in princes. PSA. 118:8, 9.

Trust him, ye saints, in all your ways;
Pour out your hearts before his face;

When helpers fail, and foes invade,
God is our all-sufficient aid.

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26. Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. JOHN 15 : 14.

Come, let us be useful, there 's much to be done
In the vineyard of Jesus, all under the sun;
The work is increasing, the laborers are few,
Then let us be watching for something to do;
Dear Saviour, while here, may we work with our might,
Then serve thee for ever where cometh no night.

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27. Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. PSA. 119 : 105.

What glory gilds the sacred page!
Majestic like the sun,
It gives a light to every age,
It gives, but borrows none.

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28. I have glorified thee on the earth; I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do. JOHN 17 : 4.

"It is finished!" O what pleasure
Do these precious words afford!
Heavenly blessings without measure
Flow to us from Christ the Lord;
"It is finished!"
Saints, the dying words record.

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29. Thy word is very pure; therefore thy servant loveth it. PSALM 119:140.

I love the sacred book of God;
No other can its place supply;
It points me to the saints' abode,
Where Christ the Saviour reigns on high.

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30. When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished; and he bowed his head and gave up the ghost. JOHN 19:30.

"'Tis finished!" our Immanuel cries,
The dreadful work is done:
Hence shall his sovereign throne arise;
His kingdom is begun.

## JULY.

1. GREAT peace have they which love thy law; and nothing shall offend them. PSALM 119:165.

Here the Redeemer's welcome voice
  Spreads heavenly peace around;
And life and everlasting joys
  Attend the blissful sound.

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2. Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now is my kingdom not from hence. JOHN 18:36.

Joy to the earth—the Saviour reigns:
  Let men their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
  Repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace;
  And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness
  And wonders of his love.

3. Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it; except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain. PSA. 127:1.

If God succeed not, all the cost
And pains to build the house are lost:
If God the city will not keep,
The watchful guards as well may sleep.

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4. When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son! Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother! And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home. JOHN 19:26, 27.

God is love, and will not leave you,
When you most his kindness need;
God is true, nor can deceive you,
Though your faith be weak indeed.

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5. If thou, Lord, shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand?

But there is forgiveness with thee, that thou mayest be feared. PSALM 130:3, 4.

Shouldst thou severely judge,
  Who could the trial bear?
Forgive, O Lord, lest we despond
  And quite renounce thy fear.

Humbly on thee I wait,
  Confessing all my sin;
Lord, I am knocking at thy gate,
  Open and let me in.

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6. And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God. JOHN 20:28.

Oh, could I speak the matchless worth,
Oh, could I sound the glories forth,
  Which in my Saviour shine!
I'd soar and touch the heavenly strings,
And vie with Gabriel, while he sings
  In notes almost divine.

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7. Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! PSALM 133:1.

How beautiful the sight
Of brethren who agree,
In friendship to unite
And bands of charity!
'Tis like the precious ointment shed
O'er all his robes from Aaron's head.

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8. And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: but these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name. JOHN 20:30, 31.

Blessings abound where Jesus reigns,
The prisoner leaps to lose his chains,
The weary find eternal rest,
And all the sons of want are blest.

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9. Though the Lord be high, yet hath he respect unto the lowly; but the proud he knoweth afar off. PSA. 138:6.

And can this mighty King
Of glory condescend,
And will he write his name
My Father and my Friend!
I love his name, I love his word;
Join all my powers and praise the Lord.

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10. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. ACTS 2 : 4.

Like mighty rushing wind
Upon the waves beneath,
Move with one impulse every mind—
One soul, one feeling breathe.

The young, the old inspire
With wisdom from above,
And give us hearts and tongues of fire,
To pray, and praise, and love.

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11. The Lord is good to all; and his tender mercies are over all his works. All thy works shall praise thee, O Lord; and thy saints shall bless thee. PSALM 145 : 9, 10.

Father, I want a thankful heart,
I want to taste how good thou art;
To plunge me in thy mercy's sea,
And comprehend thy love to me;
The length and breadth and depth and height
Of love divinely infinite.

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12. Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ. ACTS 2:36.

Jesus the Lord ascends on high;
He reigns in glory o'er the sky;
Let all the earth its offerings bring,
Exalt his name, proclaim him King.

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13. The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth. PSALM 145:18.

Prayer makes the darkened cloud withdraw,
Prayer climbs the ladder Jacob saw,
Gives exercise to faith and love,
Brings every blessing from above.

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14. Then Peter said, Silver and

gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk. ACTS 3:6.

Where he displays his healing power,
Death and the curse are known no more;
In him the tribes of Adam boast
More blessings than their father lost.

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15. Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord. PSALM 150:6.

Him, in whom they move and live,
Let every creature sing;
Glory to our Saviour give,
And homage to our King;

Hallowed be his name beneath,
As in heaven, on earth adored:
Praise the Lord in every breath;
Let all things praise the Lord.

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16. Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised

from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole. Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. ACTS 4:10, 12.

Salvation to God who sits on the throne,
Let all cry aloud, and honor the Son:
Our Jesus' praises the angels proclaim,
Fall down on their faces, and worship the
Lamb.

Then let us adore, and give him his right,
All glory and power, all wisdom and might,
All honor and blessing, with angels above,
And thanks never ceasing, and infinite love.

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17. Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thy hand to do it. PROV. 3:27.

Teach us, Oh Lord, to keep in view
Thy pattern, and thy steps pursue;
Let alms bestowed, let kindness done,
Be witnessed by each rolling sun.

18. But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thy heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land? ACTS 5:3.

Oh keep me in thy heavenly way,
And bid the tempter flee;
And never, never let me stray
From happiness and thee.

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19. Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise: which having no guide, overseer, or ruler, provideth her meat in the summer, and gathereth her food in the harvest. PROV. 6:6, 7, 8.

Haste, O sinner, to be wise,
Stay not for the morrow's sun;
Wisdom warns thee, from the skies,
All the paths of death to shun.

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20. Howbeit the Most High dwelleth not in temples made with hands; as saith the prophet, Heaven is my throne, and earth is my footstool:

what house will ye build me? saith the Lord; or what is the place of my rest? Hath not my hand made all these things? ACTS 7 :48, 49, 50.

Enthroned amidst the radiant spheres,
He glory like a garment wears;
To form a robe of light divine,
Ten thousand suns around him shine.
In all our Maker's grand designs
Omnipotence with wisdom shines;
His works, through all his wondrous frame,
Bear the great impress of his name.

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21. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; and the knowledge of the Holy is understanding. PROV. 9 : 10.

Lord, thy commands are clean and pure,
Enlightening our beclouded eyes;
Thy threatenings just, thy promise sure,
Thy Gospel makes the simple wise.

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22. And he kneeled down and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he

had said this, he fell asleep. ACTS 7:60.

Prayer is the Christian's vital breath,
The Christian's native air;
His watchword at the gates of death,
He enters heaven with prayer.

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23. The memory of the just is blessed; but the name of the wicked shall rot. PROV. 10:7.

But mark the man of holy fear,
How blest is his decease;
He spends his days in duty here,
And leaves the world in peace.

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24. Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria and preached Christ unto them. And there was great joy in that city. ACTS 8:5, 8.

When shall the voice of singing
Flow joyfully along,
When hill and valley ringing
With one triumphant song,

Proclaim the contest ended,
And Him who once was slain,
Again to earth descended,
In righteousness to reign?

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25. Hatred stirreth up strifes; but love covereth all sins. PROV. 10:12.

Blest are the men of peaceful life,
Who quench the coals of growing strife;
They shall be called the heirs of bliss,
The sons of God, the sons of peace.

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26. And he trembling and astonished, said, Lord what wilt thou have me to do? ACTS 9:6.

Thy followers, Lord, are few,
I scan the opposing host,
And fearful ask—What shall I do?
How can I guard my post?

Upward I look; my soul, rejoice;
I see, or seem to see,
A smiling look, and hear a voice,
"My chosen, follow me."

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27. The fear of the Lord prolongeth

days; but the years of the wicked shall be shortened. PROV. 10:27.

O happy man whose soul is filled
With zeal and reverend awe!
His lips to God their honor yield,
His life adorns the law.

A careful providence shall stand,
And ever guard thy head;
Shall on the labors of thy hand
Its kindly blessings shed.

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28. And as Peter was coming in, Cornelius met him, and fell down at his feet, and worshipped him. But Peter took him up, saying, Stand up; I myself also am a man. ACTS 10:25, 26.

O my soul, what means this sadness?
Wherefore art thou thus cast down?
Let thy grief be turned to gladness,
Bid thy restless fears be gone;
Look to Jesus,
And rejoice in his dear name.

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29. The liberal soul shall be made

fat; and he that watereth shall be watered also himself. PROV. 11:25.

Blest are the men whose hearts do move
And melt with sympathy and love;
From Christ the Lord shall they obtain
Like sympathy and love again.

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30. Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons; but in every nation, he that feareth him and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him. ACTS 10:34, 35.

Now be the gospel banner
  In every land unfurled,
And be the shout Hosanna
  Reëchoed through the world:

Till every isle and nation,
  Till every tribe and tongue,
Receive the great salvation,
  And join the happy throng.

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31. A righteous man regardeth the life of his beast; but the tender mer-

cies of the wicked are cruel. PROV. 12:10.

"God is love," and never can
Bless or love a cruel man;
Mercy rules in every breast,
Where the Spirit deigns to rest;

We ourselves to mercy owe
Our escape from endless woe,
And the merciless in mind
Shall themselves no mercy find.

## AUGUST.

1. And he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he which was ordained of God to be the Judge of quick and dead. Acts 10:42.

Every island, sea, and mountain,
Heaven and earth shall flee away;
All who hate him must, confounded,
Hear the trump proclaim the day;
"Come to judgment!
Come to judgment, come away."

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2. Lying lips are abomination to the Lord; but they that deal truly are his delight. Prov. 12:22.

So let our lips and lives express
The holy Gospel we profess;
So let our works and virtues shine,
To prove the doctrine all divine.

3. Peter therefore was kept in prison; but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him. ACTS 12 : 5.

Wrestling prayer can wonders do;
Bring relief in deepest straits:
Prayer can force a passage through
Iron bars and brazen gates.

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4. He that is soon angry dealeth foolishly; and a man of wicked devices is hated. PROV. 14:17.

Our flesh and sense must be denied,
Passion and envy, lust and pride;
While justice, temperance, truth, and love,
Our inward piety approve.

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5. The angel of the Lord smote him, because he gave not God the glory; and he was eaten of worms, and gave up the ghost. ACTS 12 : 23.

Lord, what a thoughtless wretch was I,
To mourn and murmur and repine,
To see the wicked, placed on high.
In pride and robes of honor shine.

But Oh, their end, their dreadful end!
Thy sanctuary taught me so;
On slippery rocks I see them stand,
And fiery billows roll below.

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6. A soft answer turneth away wrath; but grievous words stir up anger. PROV. 15:1.

Angry words, Oh let them never
From the tongue forbidden slip;
May the heart's best impulse ever
Check them ere they soil the lip.

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7. And the next Sabbath-day came almost the whole city together to hear the word of God. ACTS 13:44.

Let every mortal ear attend,
And every heart rejoice:
The trumpet of the gospel sounds
With an inviting voice.

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8. Better is a dinner of herbs where love is, than a stalled ox and hatred therewith. PROV. 15:17.

Our souls by love together knit,
  Cemented, mixed in one:
One hope, one heart, one mind, one voice;
  'Tis heaven on earth begun.

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9. Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world. ACTS 15 : 18.

Great God, how infinite art thou;
  What worthless worms are we!
Let the whole race of creatures bow,
  And pay their praise to thee.

Eternity with all its years
  Stands present in thy view:
To thee, there 's nothing old appears;
  Great God, there 's nothing new.

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10. A wise son maketh a glad father; but a foolish man despiseth his mother. PROV. 15:20.

Of all the names to memory dear.
  One name alone to me is dearest;
Though many to my heart are near,
  Yet this shall ever be the nearest;

For on my heart's most sacred place
'Tis deeper graved than any other;
Nor aught from thence shall e'er erase
The loved, the honored name of MOTHER.

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11. And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God; and the prisoners heard them. ACTS 16:25.

Blessed be thy name for ever,
Thou of life the guard and giver;
Thou canst guard the creature sleeping,
Heal the heart long broke with weeping:

God of stillness and of motion,
Of the desert and the ocean,
Of the mountain, rock, and river,
Blessed be thy name for ever.

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12. Pride goeth before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall. PROV. 16:18.

Is there ambition in my heart?
Search, gracious God, and see;
Or do I act a haughty part?
Lord, I appeal to thee.

I charge my thoughts be humble still,
And all my carriage mild;
Content, my Father, with thy will,
And quiet as a child.

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13. And [the jailor] brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house. ACTS 16:30, 31.

Hear, Oh sinner, mercy hails you;
Now with sweetest voice she calls;
Bids you haste to seek the Saviour,
Ere the hand of justice falls:
Trust in Jesus,
'Tis the voice of mercy calls.

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14. Pleasant words are as a honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones. PROV. 16:24.

A little word in kindness spoken,
A motion, or a tear,
Has often healed the heart that's broken,
And made a friend sincere.

Then deem it not an idle thing
  A pleasant word to speak;
The face you wear, the thoughts you bring,
  A heart may heal or break.

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15. God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things. ACTS 17:24, 25.

He framed the globe, he built the sky,
He made the shining worlds on high,
  And reigns complete in glory there;
His beams are majesty and light;
His beauties how divinely bright!
  His temple how divinely fair!

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16. A man that hath friends must show himself friendly; and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother. PROV. 18:24.

One there is, above all others,
  Well deserves the name of Friend;
His is love beyond a brother's,
  Costly, free, and knows no end:
They who once his kindness prove,
Find it everlasting love.

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17. And herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void of offence toward God, and toward men. ACTS 24:16.

Sweet peace of conscience, heavenly guest,
  Come, fix thy mansion in my breast;
Dispel my doubts, my fears control,
  And heal the anguish of my soul.

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18. Seest thou a man diligent in his business? he shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before mean men. PROV. 22:29.

The laborer, the laborer,
  God's nobleman is he,
His works are graven in the soil,
  They float on every sea;
The keystone in the social arch,
  Utility his crest;

His days are spent in manly toil,
His nights yield balmy rest.

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19. Why should it be thought a thing incredible with you, that God should raise the dead? ACTS 26:8.

At his call the dead awaken,
Rise to life from earth and sea;
All the powers of nature shaken
By his looks, prepare to flee:
Careless sinner,
What will then become of thee?

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20. Be not among wine-bibbers; among riotous eaters of flesh; for the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty; and drowsiness shall clothe a man with rags. PROV. 23:20, 21.

The drunkard feels his vitals waste,
Yet drowns his health to please his taste;
Till all his active powers are lost,
And fainting life draws near the dust.

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21. For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all un-

godliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness. ROM. 1:18.

The day of wrath, that dreadful day,
When heaven and earth shall pass away!
What power shall be the sinner's stay?
How shall he meet that dreadful day?

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22. A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver. PROV. 25:11.

Thus I resolve before the Lord,
"Now will I watch my tongue,
Lest I let slip one sinful word,
Or do my neighbor wrong."

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23. For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God. ROMANS 3:23.

To vindicate my words and thoughts,
I'll make no more pretence;
Not one of all my thousand faults
Can bear a just defence.

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24. If thine enemy be hungry, give

him bread to eat; and if he be thirsty, give him water to drink; for thou shalt heap coals of fire upon his head, and the Lord shall reward thee. PROV. 25:21, 22.

Tender and kind be all our thoughts,
Through all our lives let mercy run;
So God forgives our numerous faults
For the dear sake of Christ his Son.

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25. For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. ROM. 6:23.

Now to the power of God supreme
Be everlasting honors given;
He saves from hell—we bless his name;
He calls our wandering feet to heaven.

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26. Boast not thyself of to-morrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth. PROV. 27:1.

I know not what may soon betide,
But Jesus knows and he 'll provide;

My life is by his counsel planned,
And all my times are in his hand;
I'll therefore trust, nor yield to fear,
But cast on Jesus all my care.

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27. For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek; for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. ROM. 10:12, 13.

With broken heart and contrite sigh,
A trembling sinner, Lord, I cry:
Thy pardoning grace is rich and free,
O God, be merciful to me.

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28. Let another man praise thee, and not thine own mouth; a stranger, and not thine own lips. PROV. 27:2.

The bird that soars on highest wing,
Builds on the ground her lowly nest;
And she that doth most sweetly sing,
Sings in the shade when all things rest:
In lark and nightingale we see
What honor hath humility.

29. O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out. ROM. 11:33.

Deep in unfathomable mines
Of never failing skill
He treasures up his bright designs,
And works his sovereign will.

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30. The wicked flee when no man pursueth; but the righteous are bold as a lion. PROV. 28:1.

Sure I must fight, if I would reign;
Increase my courage, Lord;
I'll bear the toil, endure the pain,
Supported by thy word.

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31. If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. ROM. 12:18.

Blest are the meek, who stand afar
From rage and passion, noise and war;
God will secure their happy state,
And plead their cause against the great.

## SEPTEMBER.

1. He, that being often reproved, hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy. Prov. 29:1.

Stop, poor sinner, stop and think,
  Before you further go;
Will you sport upon the brink
  Of everlasting woe?

On the verge of ruin stop,
  Now the friendly warning take;
Stay your footsteps, ere you drop
  Into the burning lake.

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2. Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good. Romans 12:21.

He loves his enemies, and prays
For those who curse him to his face;
And does to all men still the same
That he would hope or wish from them.

3. Seest thou a man that is hasty in his words? there is more hope of a fool than of him. PROV. 29 : 20.

The tongue, that most unruly power,
  Requires a strong restraint;
We must be watchful every hour,
  And pray, but never faint.

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4. Owe no man any thing, but to love one another; for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law. ROM. 13 : 8.

Let those who bear the Christian name
  Their holy vows fulfil;
The saints, the followers of the Lamb,
  Are men of honor still;
Their Saviour's precepts they obey,
And wait in peace the Judgment-day.

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5. Favor is deceitful, and beauty is vain; but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised. PROVERBS 31 : 30.

Thrice happy souls, who, born of heaven,
  While yet they sojourn here,
Humbly begin their days with God,
  And spend them in his fear.

6. Love worketh no ill to his neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law. ROM. 13 : 10.

'Tis love that makes our cheerful feet
In swift obedience move:
The devils know, and tremble too;
But Satan cannot love.

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7. There is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not. ECCL. 7 : 20.

Yet, mighty God, thy wondrous love
Can make our nature clean;
While Christ, and grace prevail above
The tempter, death, and sin.

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8. For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God. ROMANS 14 : 11, 12.

He comes, he comes to call
The nations to his bar;

And take to glory all
Who meet for glory are:
Make ready for your full reward;
Go forth with joy to meet your Lord.

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9. Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest. ECCL. 9:10.

Then what my thoughts design to do,
My hands, with all your might pursue;
Since no device nor work is found,
Nor faith, nor hope, beneath the ground.

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10. But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. 1 COR. 2:9.

Nor eye hath seen, nor ear hath heard,
Nor sense nor reason known,
What joys the Father hath prepared
For those that love the Son.

But the good Spirit of the Lord
Reveals a heaven to come;
The beams of glory in his word
Allure and guide us home.

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11. Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them. ECCL. 12:1.

Now in the heat of youthful blood
Remember your Creator God;
Behold, the months come hastening on,
When you shall say, "My joys are gone!"

Eternal King, I fear thy name;
Teach me to know how frail I am;
And when my soul must hence remove,
Give me a mansion in thy love.

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12. For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. 1 COR. 3:2.

I live by faith in Christ: my hope,
It bears my feeble spirit up;
An anchor firmly fixed in him,
And purifying from all sin;

While through his grace and guardian love
I hope to reach the realms above.

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13. Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was; and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it. ECCL. 12:7.

And must this body die,
This mortal frame decay?
And must these active limbs of mine
Lie mouldering in the clay?

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14. And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible. 1 COR. 9:25.

My soul lies cleaving to the dust;
Lord, give me life divine:
From vain desires and every lust
Turn off these eyes of mine.

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15. Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments; for this is the

whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil. ECCL. 12:13, 14.

Oh may these thoughts possess my breast,
Where'er I rove, where'er I rest;
Nor let my weaker passions dare
Consent to sin, for God is there.

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16. Whatsoever is sold in the shambles, that eat, asking no questions for conscience' sake; for the earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof. 1 COR. 10:25, 26.

I sing the goodness of the Lord,
That filled the earth with food;
He formed the creatures with his word,
And then pronounced them good.

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17. Come now, and let us reason together, said the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red

like crimson, they shall be as wool. ISA. 1:18.

O Lord, I fall before thy face;
My only refuge is thy grace;
No bleeding beast, nor flood, nor sea,
Can wash the dismal stain away.

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18. Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God. 1 COR. 10:31.

Let thy love my heart inflame;
  Keep thy fear before my sight;
Be thy praise my highest aim;
  Be thy smile my chief delight.

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19. Woe unto them that rise up early in the morning, that they may follow strong drink; that continue until night, till wine inflame them. ISA. 5:11.

Water is best for the man of health,
  'T will keep his strength secure;
Water is best for the man of wealth,
  'T will keep his riches sure.

Water, pure water 's the drink for man,
Its fountains are full and free ;
Others may drink "fire waters" who can,
Pure water 's the nectar for me.

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20. Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. 1 Cor. 13:1.

Had I the tongues of Greeks and Jews,
And nobler speech than angels use,
If love be absent, I am found
Like tinkling brass, an empty sound.

If love to God and love to men
Be absent, all my hopes are vain;
Nor tongues, nor gifts, nor fiery zeal
The work of love can e'er fulfil.

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21. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea. Isa. 11:9.

Behold, the mountain of the Lord
  In latter days shall rise
Above the mountains and the hills,
  And draw the wondering eyes.

No longer hosts encountering hosts
  Their millions slain deplore;
Their spears to pruning hooks they turn,
  And study war no more.

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22. And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity. 1 Cor. 13:13.

This is the grace that lives and sings
  When faith and hope shall cease;
'T is this shall strike our joyful strings
  In the sweet realms of bliss.

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23. For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little. Isa. 28:10.

Hath the invitation ended?
  Is the voice of mercy dumb?
Still the message is extended;
  Still the cry is, "Freely come!"

24. Let all things be done decently and in order. 1 Cor. 14:40.

Great source of order, Maker wise,
Whose throne is high above the skies,
We praise thy name, thy laws ordain
That order shall on earth obtain.

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25. But the liberal deviseth liberal things; and by liberal things shall he stand. Isa. 32:8.

With pity let my breast o'erflow,
When I behold a brother's woe;
And bear a sympathizing part,
Whene'er I meet a wounded heart.

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26. Be not deceived; evil communications corrupt good manners. 1 Cor. 15:33.

If aught should tempt my soul to stray
From heavenly wisdom's narrow way;
To flee the good I would pursue,
Or do the ill I would not do;
Still He who felt temptation's power,
Shall guard me in that dangerous hour.

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27. The sinners in Zion are afraid;

fearfulness hath surprised the hypocrites. Who among us shall dwell with the devouring fire? who among us shall dwell with everlasting burnings? Isa. 33:14.

Oh God, my inmost soul convert,
And deeply on my thoughtless heart
  Eternal things impress;
Give me to feel their solemn weight,
And save me ere it be too late:
  Wake me to righteousness.

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28. While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal. 2 Cor. 4:18.

We walk by faith of joys to come;
  Faith lives upon his word;
But while the body is our home,
  We're absent from the Lord.

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29. Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees. Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be

strong, fear not: behold, your God will come with vengeance, even God with a recompense; he will come and save you. ISA. 35:3, 4.

When on the foaming sea of life
  Thy fragile bark is driven,
When pealing thunders round thee roll,
  And lightnings rend the heaven,
Oh may'st thou see the Saviour's form
  And to his bosom fly,
Hearing above the storm his voice,
  "Fear not; for it is I."

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30. For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich. 2 COR. 8:9.

Welcome all by sin oppressed,
Welcome to his sacred rest:
Nothing brought him from above,
Nothing but redeeming love.
Hither then your music bring;
Strike aloud each joyful string:
Mortals, join the hosts above,
Join to praise redeeming love.

## OCTOBER.

1. WHO hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and meted out heaven with the span, and comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales and the hills in a balance? Who hath directed the Spirit of the Lord, or being his counsellor hath taught him? ISA. 40:12, 13.

Sing to the Lord, who built the skies,
  The Lord, who reared this stately frame;
Let all the nations sound his praise,
  And lands unknown repeat his name.

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2. But it is good to be zealously affected always in a good thing, and not only when I am present with you. GAL. 4:18.

Awake, my soul, stretch every nerve,
And press with vigor on;
A heavenly race demands thy zeal,
And an immortal crown

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3. Sing unto the Lord a new song, and his praise from the end of the earth, ye that go down to the sea, and all that is therein; the isles, and the inhabitants thereof. ISA. 42:10.

Beautiful ocean, glorious and great;
Beautiful billows, rolling in state;
Beautiful crests and beautiful sprays;
Beautiful sounds from old ocean's bays:
But these shall wax old, all these shall decay;
These suns and these stars shall all pass away;
But man is immortal, the soul never dies;
For a permanent home it pants and it sighs.

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4. For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. GAL. 5:14.

Let love in one delightful stream
Through every bosom flow;
And union sweet and dear esteem
In every action glow.

5. That they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that there is none besides me: I am the Lord, and there is none else. ISAIAH 45:6.

The beams that shine from Zion's hill
  Shall lighten every land;
The King who reigns in Salem's towers
  Shall all the world command.

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6. And let us not be weary in well-doing; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith. GAL. 6:9, 10.

Yes, there 's a joy in doing good
  The selfish never know;
A draught so deep, so rich and pure,
  It sets the heart aglow;

A draught so exquisitely rare
  It thrills the soul with bliss,
And lifts it to a heavenlier world,
  Or makes a heaven of this.

7. O that thou hadst hearkened to my commandments! then had thy peace been as a river, and thy righteousness as the waves of the sea. ISA. 48:18.

That warning voice, Oh, sinner, hear,
Whose accents linger on thine ear,
Thy footsteps now retrace;
Renounce thy sins, and be forgiven,
Believe, become an heir of heaven,
And sing redeeming grace.

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8. Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbor; for we are members one of another. EPH. 4:25.

He never did a slander forge,
His neighbor's fame to wound,
Nor hearken to a false report
By malice whispered round.

He to his plighted words and trust
Has ever firmly stood;
And though he promise to his loss,
He makes his promise good.

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9. There is no peace, saith the Lord, unto the wicked. ISA. 48:22.

Let sinners take their course,
And choose the road to death;
But in the worship of my God
I'll spend my daily breath.

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10. Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers. EPH. 4:29.

If you your lips
Would keep from slips,
Five things observe with care:
*Of whom* you speak,
*To whom* you speak,
And *how*, and *when*, and *where*.

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11. Awake, awake; put on strength, O arm of the Lord; awake, as in the ancient days, in the generations of old. Art thou not it which hath dried the sea, the waters of the great deep; that hath made the depths of the sea a way for the ransomed to pass over? ISA. 51:9, 10.

Oh, who is like the Mighty One
  Whose throne is in the sky,
Who compasseth the universe
  With his all-searching eye;

At whose creative word appeared
  The dry land and the sea;
My spirit thirsts for thee, Oh Lord,
  My spirit thirsts for thee.

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12. And be ye kind one to another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you. EPH. 4:32.

Oh, make me as thou art;
  Thy spirit, Lord, bestow—
The kind and gentle heart
  That feels another's woe;
And thus I may be like my Head,
And in my Saviour's footsteps tread.

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13. Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ISA. 55:1.

Ho, ye that pant for living streams,
And pine away and die,
Here you may quench your raging thirst
With springs that never dry.

Rivers of love and mercy here
In a rich ocean join;
Salvation in abundance flows,
Like floods of milk and wine.

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14. Children, obey your parents in the Lord; for this is right. Honor thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise; that it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth. EPHESIANS 6:1, 2, 3.

My mother, in my childhood's hours
I knelt me at thy side;
Safe in thy arms from every snare,
Thou wast my guard and guide.

Dear mother, never from my soul
Shall thy blest image fade;
No, never till the night of death
Shall wrap me in its shade.

15. Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ISA. 55:6, 7.

But he who turns to God shall live,
Through his abounding grace;
His mercy will the guilt forgive
Of those who seek his face.

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16. Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. EPH. 6:11.

Stand up, my soul, shake off thy fears,
And gird the gospel armor on;
March to the gates of endless joy,
Where Jesus thy great Captain 's gone.

Hell and thy sins resist thy course;
But hell and sin are vanquished foes;
Thy Saviour nailed them to the cross,
And sung the triumph when he rose.

17. So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void; but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it. ISA. 55:11.

Nor shall thy spreading gospel rest,
Till through the world thy truth has run,
Till Christ has all the nations blest
That see the light or feel the sun.

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18. Do all things without murmurings and disputings. PHIL. 2:14.

Jesus, Lord, we look to thee,
Let us in thy name agree;
Show thyself the Prince of peace,
Bid all strife for ever cease.

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19. For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy: I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones. ISA. 57:15.

Thus saith the high and lofty One,
I sit upon my holy throne;
My name is God! I dwell on high,
Dwell in my own eternity.

But I descend to worlds below;
On earth I have a mansion too:
The humble spirit and contrite
Is an abode of my delight.

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20. But this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. PHIL. 3:13, 14.

Jesus, I my cross have taken,
All to leave, and follow thee;
Naked, poor, despised, forsaken,
Thou from hence my all shalt be:

Perish every fond ambition,
All I've sought, or hoped, or known;
Yet how rich is my condition,
God and heaven are still my own.

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21. So shall they fear the name of

the Lord from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him. ISA. 59:19.

Hail to the Lord's Anointed!
  Great David's greater son;
Hail in the time appointed,
  His reign on earth begun!

He comes to break oppression,
  To set the captive free,
To take away transgression,
  And rule in equity.

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22. Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. PHIL. 4:6.

Though troubles assail,
  And dangers affright;
Though friends should all fail,
  And foes all unite;

Yet one thing secures us,
Whatever betide:
The Scriptures assure us,
The Lord will provide.

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23. Who are those that fly as a cloud, and as the doves to their windows? Surely the isles shall wait for me, and the ships of Tarshish first, to bring thy sons from far, their silver and their gold with them, unto the name of the Lord thy God, and to the Holy One of Israel, because he hath glorified thee. Isa. 60:8, 9.

Shout the tidings of salvation
Mingling with the ocean's roar,
Till the ships of every nation
Bear the news from shore to shore.

Shout the tidings of salvation
O'er the islands of the sea,
Till, in humble adoration,
All to Christ shall bow the knee.

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24. Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are

honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. PHIL. 4:8.

Love no unseemly carriage shows;
Nor selfishly confined;
She glows with social tenderness,
And feels for all mankind.

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25. For the nation and kingdom that will not serve thee shall perish; yea, those nations shall be utterly wasted. ISA. 60:12.

Wake the song of Jubilee,
Let it echo o'er the sea;
Now is come the promised hour,
Jesus reigns with sovereign power.

All ye nations join and sing,
Christ of lords and kings is King;
Let it sound from shore to shore,
Jesus reigns for evermore.

26. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. COL. 3:2.

Rise, my soul, and stretch thy wings,
  Thy better portion trace;
Rise from transitory things,
  Towards heaven thy native place:

Sun and moon and stars decay;
  Time shall soon this earth remove;
Rise, my soul, and haste away
  To seats prepared above.

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27. For brass I will bring gold, and for iron I will bring silver, and for wood brass, and for stones iron: I will also make thy officers peace, and thine exactors righteousness. ISAIAH 60:17.

O'er peoples and kingdoms Messiah shall reign,
The power and dominion the saints shall obtain;
Sweet peace shall descend from the regions above,
And earth shall be clad in the mantle of love.

28. And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness. COL. 3:14.

Let us love one another; not long may we stay
In this bleak world of mourning, so brief is life's day:
Some fade ere 't is noon, and few linger till eve;
Oh, there breaks not a heart but leaves some one to grieve;
And the fondest, the purest, the truest that met,
Have still found the need to forgive and forget.

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29. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock; and dust shall be the serpent's meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the Lord. ISA. 65:25.

He shall come down like showers,
Upon the fruitful earth,
And love and joy like flowers
Spring in his path to birth.

Before him on the mountains
  Shall peace the herald go,
And righteousness in fountains
  From hill to valley flow.

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30. Children, obey your parents in all things; for this is well pleasing unto the Lord. COL. 3:20.

My father, my mother, I know
  I cannot your kindness repay;
But I hope that the older I grow
  I shall learn your commands to obey.

But for fear I ever should dare
  From all your commands to depart,
Whenever I utter a prayer,
  I 'll ask for a dutiful heart.

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31. Thus saith the Lord, The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool; where is the house that ye build unto me? and where is the place of my rest? For all those things hath my hand made, and all those things have been, saith the Lord; but to this man will I look, even to him that is

poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word. ISA. 66:1, 2.

To me remains nor place, nor time,
My country is in every clime;
I can be calm, and free from care,
On any shore, since God is there.

While place we seek or place we shun,
The soul finds happiness in none;
But regions none remote I call,
Secure of finding God in all.

## NOVEMBER.

1. LET your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man. COL. 4:6.

Speak gently, it is better far
To rule by love than fear;
Speak gently, let no harsh word mar
The good we may do here.

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2. Be astonished, O ye heavens, at this, and be horribly afraid, be ye very desolate, saith the Lord. For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water. JER. 2:12, 13.

Oh for a closer walk with God,
A calm and heavenly frame;
A light to shine upon the road
That leads me to the Lamb.

Where is the blessedness I knew
When first I saw the Lord?
Where is the soul-refreshing view
Of Jesus and his word?

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3. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first. 1 THESS. 4:16.

Great God, what do I see and hear?
The end of things created!
Behold the Judge of man appear,
On clouds of glory seated;
Low at his cross I wait the day
When heaven and earth shall pass away,
And thus prepare to meet him.

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4. Wilt thou not from this time cry unto me, My Father, thou art the guide of my youth? JER. 3:4.

If you wish to go to heaven,
And are anxious to be good;
If you long for heavenly wisdom
As the hungry long for food;

You should tell your heavenly Father,
You should ask him to impart
Such a blessing from his Spirit
As will sanctify your heart.

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5. See that none render evil for evil unto any man; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all men. 1 THESS. 5:15.

Oh, may our sympathizing breasts
That generous pleasure know,
Kindly to share in others' joy,
And weep for others' woe.

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6. But the Lord is the true God, he is the living God, and an everlasting King; at his wrath the earth shall tremble, and the nations shall not be able to abide his indignation. JER. 10:10.

Thy truth and justice I'll proclaim;
Thy bounty flows, an endless stream;
Thy mercy swift; thine anger slow,
But dreadful to the stubborn foe.

7. Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. 1 THESS. 5:17, 18.

Through the skies when the thunder is hurled
  The child to its parent will flee;
Thus, amid the rebukes of the world,
  I turn, O my Father, to thee;
The spirit of prayer in thy mercy impart,
And take up thy constant abode in my heart.

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8. Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is. JER. 17:7.

Jehovah Tsidkenu!* my treasure and boast—
Jehovah Tsidkenu! I ne'er can be lost;
In thee I shall conquer by flood and by field,
My cable, my anchor, my breastplate and shield.

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9. Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. Abstain from all appearance of evil. 1 THESS. 5:21, 22.

* That is, The Lord our Righteousness.

Broad is the road that leads to death,
And thousands walk together there;
But wisdom shows a narrow path,
With here and there a traveller.

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10. The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; who can know it? I the Lord search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings. JER. 17:9, 10.

Great God, create my heart anew,
And form my spirit pure and true;
Oh make me wise betimes to see
My danger and my remedy.

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11. For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat. 2 THESS. 3:10.

Ho, ye who plough the sea's blue fields,
Who ride the restless wave,
Beneath whose gallant vessel's keel
There lies a yawning grave:

Oh while ye feel 'tis hard to toil
And labor long hours through,
Remember it is harder still
To have no work to do.

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12. Am I a God at hand, saith the Lord, and not a God afar off? Can any hide himself in secret places, that I shall not see him? saith the Lord. Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the Lord. JER. 23:23, 24.

In all my vast concerns with thee,
In vain my soul would try
To shun thy presence, Lord, or flee
The notice of thine eye.

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13. This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief. 1 TIM. 1:15.

While I wandered, Jesus sought me:
This was love, 't was love indeed;
To his fold the Saviour brought me,
With his sheep to live and feed.

14. And they shall teach no more every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more. JEREMIAH 31:34.

Let thrones and powers and kingdoms be
Obedient, mighty God, to thee;
And over land and stream and main,
Now wave the sceptre of thy reign.

Oh, let that glorious anthem swell,
Let host to host the triumph tell,
Till not one rebel heart remains,
But over all the Saviour reigns.

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15. For there is one God, and one Mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus. 1 TIM. 2:5.

Till God in human flesh I see,
My thoughts no comfort find;
The holy, just, and sacred THREE
Are terrors to my mind:

But if Emmanuel's face appear,
My hope, my joy begins;
His name forbids my slavish fear,
His grace removes my sins.

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16. And I set before the sons of the house of the Rechabites pots full of wine, and cups; and I said unto them, Drink ye wine. But they said, We will drink no wine; for Jonadab, the son of Rechab, our father, commanded us, saying, Ye shall drink no wine, neither ye, nor your sons for ever. JER. 35 : 5, 6.

Why sit you idle here?
Rough grows the sea;
Lash the helm instantly,
Tack to the lee!

Mariner, tempest tossed
On the rough brine,
Would you sail steadily.
Cast out the wine

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17. But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain

we can carry nothing out. And having food and raiment, let us be therewith content. 1 TIM. 6:6, 7, 8.

Father, whate'er of earthly bliss
Thy sovereign will denies,
Accepted at thy throne of grace
Let this petition rise:

Give me a calm, a thankful heart,
From every murmur free;
The blessings of thy grace impart,
And make me live to thee.

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18. It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning; great is thy faithfulness. LAM. 3:22, 23.

My God, how endless is thy love!
Thy gifts are every evening new;
And morning mercies from above,
Gently distil like early dew.

Thou spread'st the curtains of the night,
Great guardian of my sleeping hours;
Thy sovereign word restores the light,
And quickens all my drowsy powers.

19. For the love of money is the root of all evil; which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. 1 TIM. 6:10.

Make not increasing gold your trust,
Nor set your hearts on glittering dust;
Why will you grasp the fleeting smoke,
And not believe what God has spoke?

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20. It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth. LAM. 3:27.

A father's voice with reverence we
On earth have often heard;
The Father of our spirits now
Demands the same regard.

Parents may err; but he is wise,
Nor lifts the rod in vain;
His chastenings serve to cure the soul
By salutary pain.

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21. Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart. 2 TIM. 2:22.

How shall the young secure their hearts,
And guard their lives from sin?
Thy word the choicest rules imparts
To keep the conscience clean.

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22. Say unto them, As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel? EZEK. 33:11.

Sinner, stop; Oh, stop and think,
Before you farther go;
Will you sport upon the brink
Of everlasting woe?

On the verge of ruin stop;
Now the friendly warning take;
Stay your footsteps, ere you drop
Into the burning lake.

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23. All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for

instruction in righteousness. 2 TIM. 3:16.

God's kindest thoughts are here expressed,
Able to make us wise and blessed;
The doctrines are divinely true,
Fit for reproof and comfort too.

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24. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, answered and said to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, we are not careful to answer thee in this matter. If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thy hand, O king. But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up. DAN. 3:16, 17, 18.

When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
My grace all sufficient shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee: I only design
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

25. It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment. HEB. 9:27.

Day of judgment, day of wonders!
  Hark! the trumpet's awful sound,
Louder than a thousand thunders,
  Shakes the vast creation round:
    How the summons
  Will the sinner's heart confound.

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26. Wherefore, O king, let my counsel be acceptable unto thee, and break off thy sins by righteousness, and thine iniquities by showing mercy to the poor; if it may be a lengthening of thy tranquillity. DAN. 4:27.

Say, sinner, hath a voice within
  Oft whispered to thy secret soul,
Urged thee to leave the ways of sin,
  And yield thy heart to God's control?

Sinner, perhaps this very day,
  Thy last accepted time may be;
Oh, shouldst thou grieve him now away,
  Then hope may never beam on thee.

27. And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is. HEB. 10 : 24, 25.

What shall we render, bounteous Lord,
For all the grace we see?
Alas, the goodness worms can yield
Extendeth not to thee.

To tents of woe, to beds of pain,
Our cheerful feet repair;
And, with the gifts thy hand bestows,
Relieve the mourners there.

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28. Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime. DAN. 6 : 10.

Oh, pray to him always, in sorrow and joy,
When peace is around thee, or troubles annoy;

The light of his presence the storm shall allay,
Or temper thy gladness; then constantly pray.

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29. But without faith it is impossible to please him; for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. HEB. 11:6.

The Lord Jehovah lives
To hear and answer prayer;
Whoe'er in him believes
And trusts his guardian care,
A Father's tender love shall know,
Whence living streams of comfort flow.

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30. Then the king commanded, and they brought Daniel, and cast him into the den of lions. Now the king spake and said unto Daniel, Thy God whom thou servest continually, he will deliver thee. DAN. 6:16.

In thee, O Lord, I trust,
My hope is in thy name;
In righteousness deliver me,
Nor put my soul to shame.

## DECEMBER.

1. FOLLOW peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord. HEB. 12:14.

Love is more than mere appearance,
  Let us learn to love indeed;
Mutual patience and forbearance
  Well become our state of need:
When we stand around the throne,
We shall know as we are known.

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2. And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. DANIEL 12:2.

Eternity, Eternity!
How long art thou, Eternity!
O man, so long as God shall reign,
So long will be the sinner's pain,
So long the blest their tongues employ;
How long that pain, how long that joy!

3. But to do good and to communicate forget not; for with such sacrifices God is well pleased. HEB. 13:16.

Give alms; the needy sink with pain,
The orphans mourn, the crushed complain:
Give freely; hoarded gold is cursed,
A prey to robbers and to rust.
Christ through his poor a claim doth make;
Give gladly, for thy Saviour's sake.

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4. And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness, as the stars for ever and ever. DAN. 12:3.

Sow in the morn the seed,
At eve hold not thy hand;
To doubt and fear give thou no heed,
Broadcast it round the land.

Then when the glorious end,
The day of God is come,
The angel reapers shall descend,
And heaven sing "Harvest home!"

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5. If any of you lack wisdom, let

him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering; for he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. JAMES 1:5, 6.

Beyond thy utmost wants
His love and power can bless;
To praying souls He always grants
More than they can express.

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6. Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble; for the day of the Lord cometh; for it is nigh at hand. JOEL 2:1.

The trumpet sounds, the day is come,
Jesus the Lord descending;
To men the day of final doom,
Their state for ever sealing:
He comes, the Son of man is here,
Borne on the clouds see him appear,
Arrayed in robes of judgment.

7. Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God; for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: but every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust and enticed. JAMES 1:13, 14.

Lord, I have foes without, within,
The world, the flesh, indwelling sin,
Life's daily ills, temptation's power,
And Satan, roaring to devour.

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8. Seek him that maketh the seven stars and Orion, and turneth the shadow of death into the morning, and maketh the day dark with night; that called for the waters of the sea, and poureth them out upon the face of the earth: The Lord is his name. AMOS 5:8.

Sing to the Lord in joyful strains,
Let earth his praise resound,
Ye who upon the ocean dwell,
And fill the isles around.

Till midst the streams of distant lands
The islands sound his praise;
And all combined, with one accord
Jehovah's glories raise.

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9. But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. JAMES 1:22.

At home, abroad, by mart or altar,
On land or sea, 'mid human kind,
May we, toiling, never falter,
In the strength of Christ resigned.
Ever trusting,
Till the tearless land we find.

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10. And he said unto them, I am a Hebrew; and I fear the Lord, the God of heaven, which hath made the sea and the dry land. JONAH 1:9.

I love to muse by ocean's shore;
Its voice delights my soul,
To hear its hoarse and wintry roar,
Its fierce and stormy howl.

To thee, O God, they raise my soul,
Thy glory they declare;

And for thy heavenly services,
My grateful heart prepare.

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11. Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world. JAMES 1:27.

Oh there has many a tear been shed,
And many a heart been broken,
For want of a gentle hand stretched forth,
Or a word in kindness spoken.

Then Oh, with brotherly regard
Greet every son of sorrow;
So from each tone of love, his heart
New hope, new strength shall borrow.

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12. Now the Lord had prepared a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights. JONAH 1:17.

Alone, far away on the sea,
The mariner sitteth musingly,
With folded arms, and eyes cast down,
He sigheth to think he is all alone.

But the Christian ne'er crieth, Alone! alone!
He never in solitude maketh his moan;
For to guard and assist him the angels attend,
And Jehovah himself is the holy man's friend.

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13. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. JAMES 4:7, 8.

Temptations everywhere annoy,
And sins and snares my peace destroy;
Lord, let thy presence be my stay,
And guard me in this dangerous way.

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14. And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. MIC. 4:3.

See from all lands, from the isles of the ocean,
Praise to Jehovah ascending on high;
Fallen are the engines of war and commotion,
Shouts of salvation are rending the sky.

15. Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer; and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him. 1 JOHN 3:15.

Christ has said it, love each other,
  Thus the world my people know;
He that loveth not his brother
  Is a child of wrath and woe:
Brethren, let us think on this,
Let us prove that we are his.

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16. He hath showed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God? MICAH 6:8.

By faith in Christ I walk with God,
  With heaven, my journey's end in view;
Supported by his staff and rod,
  My road is safe and pleasant too:
Though earth and hell my course withstand,
JEHOVAH guards me by his hand.

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17. Servants, be subject to your masters with all fear; not only to the

good and gentle, but also to the froward. 1 PET. 2:18.

A charge to keep I have,
A God to glorify,
A never dying soul to save,
And fit it for the sky.

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18. The Lord is slow to anger, and great in power, and will not at all acquit the wicked; the Lord hath his way in the whirlwind and in the storm, and the clouds are the dust of his feet. He rebuketh the sea, and maketh it dry, and drieth up all the rivers. NAHUM 1:3, 4.

When Egypt's king God's chosen tribe pursued,
In crystal walls the admiring waters stood;
When through the desert wild they took their way,
The rocks relented and poured forth a sea.
What limit can almighty goodness know,
When seas can harden and when rocks can flow?

19. For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile. 1 PET. 3:10.

To me the light of truth display,
And make me know and choose thy way;
Plant holy fear within my heart,
That I from God may ne'er depart.

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20. For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea. HAB. 2:14.

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does his successive journeys run:
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

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21. The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished. 2 PET. 2:9.

By Satan I should conquered be,
But thy dear love recovers me;

I should be often put to flight,
But grace maintains the unequal fight.
Thy loving kindness I adore,
And live upon it every hour;
Oh, let me all its fulness prove,
And find it everlasting love.

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22. Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink, that puttest thy bottle to him, and makest him drunken also, that thou mayest look on their nakedness! HAB. 2:15.

The giddy world with flattering tongue
Had charmed my soul astray,
And lured my heedless feet to death,
Along the flowery way.

My heart with agonizing prayer
Besought the Lord to save;
Unseen, he seized my trembling hand,
And brought me from the grave.

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23. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 JOHN 1:9.

How lost was my condition,
  Till Jesus made me whole!
There is but one Physician
  Can cure a sin-sick soul.

Next door to death he found me,
  And snatched me from the grave,
To tell to all around me
  His wondrous power to save.

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24. The Lord is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him. HAB. 2:20.

God is in heaven, but man below:
Raised be our thoughts; our words be few;
A sacred reverence checks our songs,
And praise sits silent on our tongues.

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25. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life; and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in

it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. REV. 20:12, 13.

Hark! the judgment-trumpet sounding
Rends the skies and shakes the poles;
Lo, the day, with wrath abounding,
Breaks upon astonished souls;
Every creature
Now the awful Judge beholds.

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26. For thus saith the Lord of hosts: Yet once, it is a little while and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land; and I will shake all nations, and the Desire of all nations shall come. HAG. 2:6, 7.

Arm of the Lord, awake, awake!
Put on thy strength—the nations shake;
And let the world, adoring, see
Triumphs of mercy wrought by thee.

Say to the heathen from thy throne,
"I am Jehovah—God alone!"
Thy voice their idols shall confound,
And cast their altars to the ground.

27. In that day shall there be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness. ZECH. 13:1.

There is a fountain filled with blood,
Drawn from Emmanuel's veins;
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood,
Lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see
That fountain in his day;
And there may I, as vile as he,
Wash all my sins away.

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28. But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death. REV. 21:8.

There is a death whose pang
Outlasts the fleeting breath;
Oh what eternal horrors hang
Around "the second death!"

Lord God of truth and grace,
  Teach us that death to shun,
Lest we be banished from thy face
  And evermore undone.

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29. And the Lord shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one Lord, and his name one. ZECH. 14:9.

All hail the power of Jesus' name!
  Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
  And crown him Lord of all.

Let every kindred, every tribe,
  On this terrestrial ball,
To him all majesty ascribe,
  And crown him Lord of all.

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30. From the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same, my name shall be great among the Gentiles; and in every place incense shall be offered unto my name, and a pure offering; for my name shall be great

among the heathen, saith the Lord of hosts. MAL. 1:11.

Let all the earth their voices raise,
To sing the choicest psalms of praise,
To sing and bless Jehovah's name:
His glory let the heathen know,
His wonders to the nations show,
And all his saving works proclaim.

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31. And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely. REV. 22:17.

Come, weary soul, with sin distressed,
Come, and accept the promised rest;
The Saviour's gracious call obey,
And cast your gloomy fears away.

Here mercy's boundless ocean flows,
To cleanse your guilt and heal your woes;
Pardon and life, and endless peace:
How rich the gift, how free the grace!

# HYMNS

FOR

# VARIOUS OCCASIONS.

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## 1. MORNING HYMN.

Awake, my soul, and with the sun
Thy daily course of duty run;
Shake off dull sloth, and early rise
To pay thy morning sacrifice.

Glory to thee, who safe hast kept,
And hast refreshed me while I slept;
Grant, Lord, when I from death shall wake,
I may of endless life partake.

Lord, I my vows to thee renew:
Scatter my sins as morning dew;
Guard my first springs of thought and will,
And with thyself my spirit fill.

Direct, control, suggest, this day,
All I design, or do, or say;
That all my powers, with all their might,
In thy sole glory may unite.

### 2. MORNING HYMN.

Once more, my soul, the rising day
  Salutes thy waking eyes;
Once more, my voice, thy tribute pay
  To him who rules the skies.

Night unto night his name repeats,
  The day renews the sound,
Wide as the heaven on which he sits
  To turn the seasons round.

'T is he supports my mortal frame;
  My tongue shall speak his praise;
My sins would rouse his wrath to flame,
  And yet his wrath delays.

A thousand wretched souls are fled
  Since the last setting sun,
And yet thou lengthenest out my thread,
  And yet my moments run.

Great God, let all my hours be thine,
  While I enjoy the light;
Then shall my sun in smiles decline,
  And bring a pleasant night.

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### 3. MORNING HYMN.

God of the morning, at whose voice
  The cheerful sun makes haste to rise,
And like a giant doth rejoice
  To run his journey through the skies;

From the fair chambers of the east
  The circuit of his race begins;
And without weariness or rest,
  Round the whole earth he flies and shines:

Oh, like the sun, may I fulfil
  The appointed duties of the day;
With ready mind and active will
  March on and keep my heavenly way.

But I shall rove and lose the race,
  If God, my sun, should disappear,
And leave me in this world's wild maze,
  To follow every wandering star.

Give me thy counsel for my guide,
  And then receive me to thy bliss;
All my desires and hopes beside,
  Are faint and cold compared with this.

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### 4. EVENING HYMN.

Glory to thee, my God, this night,
For all the blessings of the light;
Keep me, O keep me, King of kings,
Beneath the shadow of thy wings.

Forgive me, Lord, for thy dear Son,
The ill that I this day have done;
That with the world, myself, and thee,
I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.

Teach me to live, that I may dread
The grave as little as my bed;
Teach me to die, that so I may
Rise, glorious, at the awful day.

Oh let my soul on thee repose,
And may sweet sleep my eyelids close—
Sleep that shall me more vigorous make,
To serve my God when I awake.

Oh when shall I, in endless day,
For ever chase dark sleep away;
And hymns divine with angels sing,
Glory to thee, eternal King!

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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### 5. EVENING HYMN.

Now from labor and from care
  Evening shades have set me free;
In the work of praise and prayer,
  Lord, I would converse with thee:
Oh, behold me from above,
Fill me with a Saviour's love.

Sin and sorrow, guilt and woe,
  Wither all my earthly joys;
Naught can charm me here below
  But my Saviour's melting voice:
Lord, forgive, thy grace restore—
Make me thine for evermore.

For the blessings of this day,
  For the mercies of this hour,
For the Gospel's cheering ray,
  For the Spirit's quickening power,
Grateful notes to thee I raise,
Oh accept my song of praise.

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### 6. EVENING HYMN.

Saviour, breathe an evening blessing,
  Ere repose our spirits seal;
Sin and want we come confessing,
  Thou canst save and thou canst heal.

Though destruction walk around us,
  Though the arrow near us fly,
Angel-guards from thee surround us,
  We are safe, if thou art nigh.

Though the night be dark and dreary,
  Darkness cannot hide from thee;
Thou art He who, never weary,
  Watchest where thy people be.

Should swift death this night o'ertake us,
And our couch become our tomb,
May the morn in heaven awake us,
Clad in light and deathless bloom.

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### 7. SABBATH MORNING.

Another six days' work is done,
Another Sabbath is begun;
Return, my soul, enjoy thy rest,
Improve the day thy God has blessed.

Come, bless the Lord, whose love assigns
So sweet a rest to wearied minds;
Provides an antepast of heaven,
And gives, this day, the food of seven.

O that our thoughts and thanks may rise
As grateful incense to the skies!
And draw from heaven that sweet repose
Which none but he that feels it knows.

This heavenly calm within the breast
Is the dear pledge of glorious rest
Which for the church of God remains,
The end of cares, the end of pains.

In holy duties, let the day
In holy pleasures pass away;
How sweet a Sabbath thus to spend,
In hope of one that ne'er shall end.

### 8. THE SABBATH-DAY.

This is the day the Lord hath made,
  He calls the hours his own;
Let heaven rejoice, let earth be glad,
  And praise surround the throne.

To-day he rose and left the dead,
  And Satan's empire fell;
To-day the saints his triumphs spread,
  And all his wonders tell.

Hosanna to the anointed King,
  To David's holy Son:
Help us, O Lord; descend and bring
  Salvation from thy throne.

Blest be the Lord, who comes to men
  With messages of grace;
Who comes, in God his Father's name,
  To save our sinful race.

Hosanna in the highest strains
  The church on earth can raise;
The highest heavens in which he reigns
  Shall give him nobler praise.

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### 9. THE SABBATH.

A Sabbath well spent
Brings a week of content,
  With health for the toils of to-morrow;

But a Sabbath profaned,
Whatsoe'er may be gained,
Is a certain forerunner of sorrow.

### 10. FAR AT SEA.

Star of Peace to wanderers weary,
Bright the beams that smile on me:
Cheer the pilot's vision dreary,
Far, far at sea.

Star of Hope, gleam o'er the billow;
Bless the soul that sighs for thee;
Bless the sailor's lonely pillow,
Far, far at sea.

Star of Faith, when winds are mocking
All his toil, he flies to thee;
Save him on the billows rocking,
Far, far at sea.

Star Divine, O safely guide him,
Bring the wanderer home to thee;
Sore temptations long have tried him,
Far, far at sea.

### 11. ARRIVAL IN PORT.

When o'er the mighty deep we rode,
By winds and storms assailed,
We called upon the ocean's God,
His mercy never failed.

The raging tempest heard his voice,
  The winds obeyed his will;
The elements withheld their noise,
  And all the floods were still.

With joy we hailed the distant shore,
  And safe the vessel moored;
With grateful hearts that happy hour
  A song of praise we poured.

While thus o'er surging waves we roam,
  Thy goodness, Lord, we see;
Though distant from our native home,
  We are not far from thee.

And when the voyage of life is past,
  And we are called to die,
O may we see thy face at last,
  In bliss beyond the sky.

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### 12. GOD'S PROTECTION TO MARINERS.

How are thy servants blessed, O Lord;
  How sure is their defence!
Eternal Wisdom is their guide,
  Their help, Omnipotence.

In foreign realms and lands remote,
  Supported by thy care,
Through burning climes they pass unhurt,
  And breathe in tainted air.

When by the dreadful tempest borne
  High on the broken wave,
They know thou art not slow to hear,
  Nor impotent to save.

The storm is laid; the winds retire,
  Obedient to thy will;
The sea, that roars at thy command,
  At thy command is still.

In midst of danger, fear, and death,
  Thy goodness we 'll adore;
We 'll praise thee for thy mercies past,
  And humbly hope for more.

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### 13. TRUST IN GOD AMID PERILS.

In time of fear,
  When trouble 's near,
I look to thine abode;
  Though helpers fail,
  And foes prevail,
I 'll put my trust in God.

And what is life,
  But toil and strife?
What terror has the grave?
  Thine arm of power,
  In peril's hour,
The trembling soul will save.

In darkest skies
Though storms arise,
I will not be dismayed:
Oh God of light,
And boundless might,
My soul on thee is stayed!

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### 14. SAFETY IN THE STORM.

The billows swell, the winds are high,
Clouds overcast my wintry sky;
Out of the depths to thee I call,
My fears are great, my strength is small.

Oh Lord, the pilot's part perform,
And guide and guard me through the storm;
Defend me from each threatening ill,
Control the waves—say, "Peace; be still!"

Amidst the roaring of the sea
My soul still hangs her hopes on thee;
Thy constant love, thy faithful care,
Is all that saves me from despair.

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### 15. CHRISTMAS HYMN.

While shepherds watched their flocks by night,
All seated on the ground,
The angel of the Lord came down,
And glory shone around.

"Fear not," said he, for mighty dread
  Had seized their troubled mind;
"Glad tidings of great joy I bring
  To you and all mankind.

To you in David's town, this day,
  Is born of David's line,
The Saviour, who is Christ the Lord,
  And this shall be the sign:

The heavenly babe you there shall find
  To human view displayed,
All meanly wrapped in swathing bands,
  And in a manger laid."

Thus spoke the seraph, and forthwith
  Appeared a shining throng
Of angels, praising God on high,
  And thus addressed their song:

"All glory be to God on high,
  And to the earth be peace;
Good will henceforth, from heaven to men,
  Begin, and never cease."

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### 16. BIRTH OF CHRIST.

Mortals awake, with angels join,
  And chant the solemn lay;
Joy, love, and gratitude combine
  To hail th' auspicious day.

In heaven the rapturous song began,
  And sweet seraphic fire
Through all the shining legions ran,
  And strung and tuned the lyre.

Swift through the vast expanse it flew,
  And loud the echo rolled;
The theme, the song, the joy was new;
  'T was more than heaven could hold.

Down through the portals of the sky
  The impetuous torrent ran;
And angels flew with eager joy
  To bear the news to man.

Hark! the cherubic armies shout,
  And glory leads the song;
Good will and peace are heard throughout
  The harmonious, heavenly throng.

With joy the chorus we 'll repeat:
  "Glory to God on high!
Good will and peace are now complete,
  Jesus was born to die."

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### 17. A BIRTHDAY HYMN.

Teach me the measure of my days,
  Thou Maker of my frame,
I would survey life's narrow space,
  And learn how frail I am.

A span is all that we can boast,
  An inch or two of time;
Man is but vanity and dust,
  In all his flower and prime.

See the vain race of mortals move,
  Like shadows o'er the plain;
They rage and strive, desire and love,
  But all the noise is vain.

Some walk in honor's gaudy show;
  Some dig for golden ore,
They toil for heirs they know not who,
  And straight are seen no more.

What should I wish, or wait for, then,
  From creatures, earth, and dust?
They make our expectations vain,
  And disappoint our trust.

Now I forbid my carnal hope,
  My fond desires recall;
I give my mortal interest up,
  And make my God my all.

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### 18. FOR A BIRTHDAY.

My days are numbered by my God,
  How many or how few;
And every danger of my road
  Passes beneath his view.

Determined are my months by him,
  And dated all my hours,
Till death shall chase life's empty dream,
  And wake my nobler powers.

How long or short shall be my days,
  Is hid in his decree;
And which of death's ten thousand ways
  Appointed is for me.

The line he draws I cannot trace,
  Nor would I wish to know
The time, the manner, or the place,
  When he shall bid me go.

Let but his grace my soul prepare,
  And make my life his own,
It matters little when, or where,
  Or how, I lay it down.

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### 19. NEW-YEAR'S DAY.

Come, let us anew
Our journey pursue,
Roll round with the year,
And never stand still till the Master appear.
His adorable will
Let us gladly fulfil,
And our talents improve,
By the patience of hope, and the labor of love.

Our life is a dream;
Our time, as a stream,
Glides swiftly away;
And the fugitive moment refuses to stay.
The arrow is flown—
The moment is gone—
The millennial year
Rushes on to our view, and eternity's here.

Oh that each in the day
Of His coming may say,
"I have fought my way through;
I have finished the work which thou gav'st me to do."
Oh that each from his Lord,
May receive the glad word,
"Well and faithfully done!
Enter into my joy, and sit down on my throne."

## 20. NEW-YEAR'S DAY.

While with ceaseless course the sun
Hasted through the former year,
Many souls their race have run,
Never more to meet us here:
Fixed in an eternal state,
They have done with all below;
We a little longer wait,
But how little, none can know.

As the wingéd arrow flies
  Speedily the mark to find;
As the lightning from the skies
  Darts, and leaves no trace behind;
Swiftly thus our fleeting days
  Bear us down life's rapid stream:
Upward, Lord, our spirits raise—
  All below is but a dream.

Thanks for mercies past receive;
  Pardon of our sins renew:
From this moment may we live
  With eternity in view:
Bless thy word to young and old;
  Shed abroad a Saviour's love;
And when life's short tale is told,
  May we dwell with thee above.

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### 21. FOR THE OPENING YEAR.

Great God, we sing that mighty hand,
By which supported still we stand;
The opening year thy mercy shows;
Let mercy crown it till it close.

By day, by night—at home, abroad,
Still we are guarded by our God;
By his incessant bounty fed,
By his unerring counsel led.

With grateful hearts the past we own;
The future—all to us unknown—
We to thy guardian care commit
And peaceful leave before thy feet.

In scenes exalted or depressed,
Be thou our joy, and thou our rest;
Thy goodness all our hopes shall raise,
Adored through all our changing days.

When death shall close our earthly songs,
And seal in silence mortal tongues,
Our helper, God, in whom we trust,
Shall keep our souls, and guard our dust.

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### 22. THE STREAM OF LIFE.

On like a river
It bears me ever—
The rushing stream of life!
I grasp the rudder;
I start and shudder;
The waters roar in strife.

Many a year
Has brought me here,
From the sources of life's river;
And one by one
They bear me on
To God, my spirit's giver.

Gentle and slow
Began the flow
Of the waters from the fountain;
But brook and rill
Sprang from each hill,
And the torrent from the mountain;

Till the silver thread
At the fountain head
Expanded to a river;
And deep and black
On its hurried track
It dashes now for ever.

And well I know
That its onward flow
Is hasting to an ocean,
Whose broad expanse
To my soul's advance
May heave in wild commotion.

Oh God of life,
Amid the strife
Of life's swift rolling river,
Take thou the helm,
Lest death o'erwhelm
My helpless soul for ever.

### 23. MAN MORTAL. L. M.

Through every age, eternal God,
Thou art our rest, our safe abode;
High was thy throne, ere heaven was made,
Or earth thy humble footstool laid.

Long hadst thou reigned ere time began,
Or dust was fashioned to a man;
And long thy kingdom shall endure,
When earth and time shall be no more.

But man, weak man, is born to die,
Made up of guilt and vanity;
Thy dreadful sentence, Lord, was just:
"Return, ye sinners, to your dust."

Death, like an overflowing stream,
Sweeps us away, our life's a dream—
An empty tale, a morning-flower,
Cut down and withered in an hour.

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### 24. FUNERAL. C. M.

Beneath our feet and o'er our head
  Is equal warning given;
Beneath us lie the countless dead,
  Above us is the heaven.

Death rides on every passing breeze,
  And lurks in every flower;
Each season has its own disease,
  Its perils every hour.

Our eyes have seen the rosy light
  Of youth's soft cheek decay,
And fate descend, in sudden night,
  On manhood's middle day.

Our eyes have seen the steps of age
  Halt feebly to the tomb;
And yet shall earth our hearts engage
  And dreams of days to come?

Turn, mortal, turn; thy danger know;
  Where'er thy foot can tread,
The earth rings hollow from below,
  And warns thee of her dead.

Turn, Christian, turn; thy soul apply
  To truths divinely given:
The forms which underneath thee lie
  Shall live, for hell, or heaven.

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### 25. THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM. L. M.

When, marshalled on the nightly plain,
  The glittering hosts bestud the sky,
One star alone, of all the train,
  Can fix the sinner's wandering eye.

Hark! hark! to God the chorus breaks,
  From every host, from every gem;
But one alone the Saviour speaks,
  It is the Star of Bethlehem.

Once on the raging seas I rode,
  The storm was loud, the night was dark,
The ocean yawned, and rudely blowed
  The wind that tossed my foundering bark.

Deep horror then my vitals froze,
  Death-struck, I ceased the tide to stem;
When suddenly a star arose,
  It was the Star of Bethlehem.

It was my guide, my light, my all;
  It bade my dark forebodings cease;
And through the storm and danger's thrall
  It led me to the port of peace.

Now safely moored, my perils o'er,
  I'll sing, first in night's diadem,
For ever and for evermore,
  The Star—the Star of Bethlehem.

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### 26. CHRIST PRECIOUS. C. M.

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
  In a believer's ear!
It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds,
  And drives away his fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole,
  And calms the troubled breast;
'T is manna to the hungry soul,
  And to the weary, rest.

Jesus, my shepherd, husband, friend,
  My prophet, priest, and king,
My Lord, my life, my way, my end,
  Accept the praise I bring.

Weak is the effort of my heart,
  And cold my warmest thought;
But when I see thee as thou art,
  I'll praise thee as I ought.

Till then, I would thy love proclaim,
  With every fleeting breath;
And may the music of thy name
  Refresh my soul in death.

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### 27. JESUS THE REFUGE. 7s.

Jesus, lover of my soul,
  Let me to thy bosom fly,
While the billows near me roll,
  While the tempest still is high;
Hide me, Oh my Saviour, hide,
  Till the storm of life be past;
Safe into the haven guide;
  Oh receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none,
  Hangs my helpless soul on thee.
Leave, ah, leave me not alone;
  Still support and comfort me.

All my trust on thee is stayed;
  All my help from thee I bring;
Cover my defenceless head
  With the shadow of thy wing.

Plenteous grace with thee is found,
  Grace to pardon all my sins;
Let the healing streams abound,
  Make and keep me pure within:
Thou of life the fountain art,
  Freely let me take of thee;
Spring thou up within my heart—
  Rise to all eternity.

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### 28. THE GOSPEL SHIP. P. M.

The gospel ship has long been sailing,
  Bound for Canaan's peaceful shore;
All who wish to sail to glory,
  Come and welcome, rich and poor.

Chorus—"Glory, glory, hallelujah!"
  All her sailors loudly cry,
"See the blissful port of glory
  Open to each faithful eye."

Thousands she has safely landed
  Far beyond this mortal shore;
Thousands still are sailing in her,
  Yet there's room for thousands more.

Waft along this noble vessel,
  All ye gales of gospel grace,
Carrying every faithful sailor
  To his heavenly landing-place.

Chorus—"Glory," etc.

Come, poor sinners, come to Jesus,
  Sail with us through life's rough sea,
Then with us you will be happy,
  Happy through eternity.

Chorus—"Glory," etc.

Port your helm, run into harbor,
  By your anchor, sailors, stand,
Welcomed by your great Commander
  To the joys at his right hand.

Chorus—"Glory," etc.

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### 29. SAILOR'S HYMN. 8s and 7s.

Tossed upon life's raging billow,
  Sweet it is, O Lord, to know
Thou didst press a sailor's pillow,
  And canst feel a sailor's woe.

Never slumbering, never sleeping,
  Though the night be dark and drear,
Thou the faithful watch art keeping:
  "All, all's well," thy constant cheer.

And though loud the wind is howling,
  Fierce though flash the lightnings red,
Darkly though the storm-cloud's scowling
  O'er the sailor's anxious head;

Thou canst calm the raging ocean,
  All its noise and tumult still;
Hush the tempest's wild commotion,
  At the bidding of thy will.

Thus my heart the hope will cherish,
  While to thee I lift mine eye;
Thou wilt save me ere I perish,
  Thou wilt hear the sailor's cry.

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### 30. GOD'S PROTECTION TO MARINERS. 7s.

They that toil upon the deep,
  And in vessels light and frail
O'er the mighty waters sweep,
  With the billow and the gale,
Mark what wonders God performs,
  When he speaks, and unconfined,
Rush to battle all his storms,
  In the chariots of the wind.

Up to heaven their bark is whirled
  On the mountain of the wave;
Downward suddenly 't is hurled
  To the abysses of the grave;

Mid the tempests now they roll,
  As intoxicate with wine;
Terrors paralyze their soul,
  Helm they quit and hope resign.

Then unto the Lord they cry:
  He inclines a gracious ear;
Sends deliv'rance from on high,
  Rescues them from all their fear.
Oh that men would praise the Lord
  For his goodness to their race;
For the wonders of his word,
  And the riches of his grace.

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### 31. GOING TO SEA. S. M.

Great God, we launch again
  Upon the mighty deep;
Do thou, the Sovereign of the main,
  Our souls and bodies keep.

If hardship and distress
  We should be called to bear,
Oh let thine all-supporting grace
  Preserve us from despair.

Be thou for ever nigh,
  That we may hear thee say,
"Be not afraid; for it is I,
  To guard you on your way."

Then come whatever will,
  We shall not be afraid,
While Christ continues with us still,
  And says, "Be not afraid."

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### 32. CHRIST OUR CONFIDENCE. 6s and 4s.

My faith looks up to thee,
Thou Lamb of Calvary,
  Saviour divine.
Now hear me while I pray;
Take all my guilt away;
Oh let me from this day
  Be wholly thine.

May thy rich grace impart
Strength to my fainting heart,
  My zeal inspire:
As thou hast died for me,
Oh may my love to thee
Pure, warm, and changeless be,
  A living fire.

While life's dark maze I tread,
And griefs around me spread,
  Be thou my guide:

Bid darkness turn to day,
Wipe sorrow's tears away,
Nor let me ever stray
From thee aside.

When ends life's transient dream,
When death's cold, sullen stream
Shall o'er me roll,
Blest Saviour, then in love
Fear and distrust remove;
Oh bear me safe above,
A ransomed soul.

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### 33. PROTECTION. 8s, 7s, and 4s.

Guide us, Oh thou great Jehovah,
Wanderers on the mighty deep:
From the storm and raging tempest
Deign our floating bark to keep;
Lord of heaven,
Bid the breeze propitious blow.

Be our safeguard through the night-watch,
And our guardian all the day,
To our destined port in safety
Give us swift and joyful way;
Strong Deliverer,
Be thou still our strength and shield.

And when life's short voyage is over,
  In the haven of the blest
May we, guided by thy Spirit,
  Find an everlasting rest:
    Father, hear us,
  For the great Redeemer's sake.

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### 34. DRIVING TO PORT. 7s and 6s.

Though hard the winds are blowing,
  And loud the billows roar,
Full swiftly we are going
  To our dear native shore.

The billows breaking o'er us,
  The storms that round us swell,
Are aiding to restore us
  To all we loved so well.

So sorrow often presses
  Life's mariner along;
Afflictions and distresses
  Are gales and billows strong.

The sharper and severer
  The storms of life we meet,
The sooner and the nearer
  Is heaven's eternal seat.

Come then, afflictions dreary,
  Sharp sickness pierce my breast;
You only bear the weary
  More quickly home to rest.

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### 35. SAVE, OR WE PERISH. 12s.

When through the torn sail the wild tempest is streaming,
When o'er the dark wave the red lightning is gleaming,
Nor hope lends a ray the poor seaman to cherish,
We fly to our Maker: "Save, Lord, or we perish."

Oh Jesus, once rocked on the breast of the billow,
And roused by the shriek of despair from thy pillow,
Now seated in glory, the mariner cherish,
Who cries in his trouble, "Save, Lord, or we perish."

And Oh, when the whirlwind of passion is raging,
When sin in our hearts its wild warfare is waging,

Send down thy good Spirit, thy ransomed to cherish;
Rebuke the destroyer: "Save, Lord, or we perish."

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### 36. THE PENITENT'S PRAYER. L. M.

Show pity, Lord; O Lord, forgive;
Let a repenting rebel live:
Are not thy mercies large and free?
May not a sinner trust in thee?

My crimes are great, but can't surpass
The power and glory of thy grace;
Great God, thy nature hath no bound,
So let thy pardoning love be found.

Oh wash my soul from every sin,
And make my guilty conscience clean;
Here on my heart the burden lies,
And past offences pain mine eyes.

My lips with shame my sins confess,
Against thy law, against thy grace:
Lord, should thy judgment grow severe,
I am condemned, but thou art clear.

Should sudden vengeance seize my breath,
I must pronounce thee just in death:
And if my soul were doomed to hell,
Thy righteous law approves it well.

Yet save a trembling sinner, Lord,
Whose hope still hovering round thy word,
Would light on some sweet promise there,
Some sure support against despair.

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### 37. JUST AS I AM. 8s and 6s.

Just as I am, without one plea,
But that thy blood was shed for me,
And that thou bid'st me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot;
To thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am—poor, wretched, blind;
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need in thee I find—
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am—though tossed about,
With many a conflict, many a doubt;
Fightings within, and fears without—
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am—thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve,
Because thy promise I believe—
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am—thy love unknown
Has broken every barrier down;
Now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come.

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### 38. CHRIST OUR SACRIFICE. S. M.

Not all the blood of beasts,
On Jewish altars slain,
Could give the guilty conscience peace,
Or wash away the stain.

But Christ the heavenly Lamb
Takes all our sins away;
A sacrifice of nobler name,
And richer blood than they.

My faith would lay her hand
On that dear head of thine,
While like a penitent I stand
And there confess my sin.

My soul looks back to see
The burdens thou didst bear
When hanging on th' accursed tree,
And hopes her guilt was there.

Believing, we rejoice
To see the curse remove;
We bless the Lamb with cheerful voice,
And sing his bleeding love.

### 39. HOMEWARD BOUND. 10s and 4s.

Out on an ocean all boundless we ride,
We 're homeward bound;
Tossed on the waves of a rough, restless tide,
We 're homeward bound;
Far from the safe, quiet harbor we 've rode,
Seeking our Father's celestial abode,
Promise of which on us each he bestowed;
We 're homeward bound.

Wildly the storm sweeps us on as it roars,
We 're homeward bound;
Look! yonder lie the bright heavenly shores,
We 're homeward bound.
Steady, O pilot; stand firm at the wheel:
Steady; we soon shall outweather the gale;
Oh, how we fly 'neath the full, swelling sail;
We 're homeward bound.

Into the harbor of heaven now we glide,
We 're home at last.
Softly we drift on its bright silver tide,
We 're home at last.
Glory to God, all our dangers are o'er,
We stand secure on the glorified shore;
Glory to God, we will shout evermore,
We 're home at last.

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